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1. URGENTLY REPEAT URGENTLY NEED FOLLOWING LIST OF  
RESCUE TOOLS RECOMMENDED BY CIVILIAN ENGINEER TEAMS  
SENT HERE BY OFDA. IN A SEPARATE, UNRELATED REQUEST,  
MEXICAN ARMY REQUESTED MOST OF THE SAME ITEMS, PLUS  
CERTAIN OTHER ESSENTIAL LIFE SUPPORT ITEMS, FOR USE IN  
THEIR ASSIGNED SECTOR. THIS IS A FIRM COORDINATED  
AID/DATT REQUIREMENT. MANY VICTIMS STILL ALIVE UNDER  
COLLAPSED BUILDINGS, A FEW FROM INITIAL EARTHQUAKE  
SHOCK. HOURS COUNT. WE WANT THESE ITEMS NIGHT OF 23  
SEPTEMBER OR AM OF 24 SEPTEMBER IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. ITEMS NEEDED, WITH POSSIBLE SOURCES LISTED:

-- A. FORTY-FIVE (45) EACH SIXTY POUND (60 LB) JACK  
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HAMMERS WITH 150 FEET OF HOSE EACH AND FITTINGS, DRILL  
STEEL, WEDGE POINTS, AND LINE OILERS. SOURCE: INGERSOL  
RAND, OR SOLE.

-- B. FORTY-FIVE (45) EACH CONCRETE SAWS, AIR DRIVEN,  
WITH 1500 TOTAL EXTRA BLADES, 200 FEET HOSE EACH, WITH  
FITTINGS. SOURCE: INGERSOL RAND, OR SOLE.

-- C. TWENTY (20) EACH STANDARD FIELD SIZE EMPTY OXYGEN  
AND TWENTY EACH EMPTY ACETYLENE BOTTLES FOR USE WITH CUT-

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TING TORCHES. FYI, GAS AVAILABLE HERE, SHORTAGE ISS. END FYI. SOURCE: UNION CARBIDE.

-- D. FORTY (40) EACH ACETYLENE CUTTING TORCHES, COMPLETE SETS INCLUDING HOSE REGULATORS, TIPS, ETC. SOURCES: VICTOR, OXWELD, OR SEARS.

-- E. ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EACH EXTRA CUTTING TORCH TIPS AND 120 EACH TIP CLEANING TOOLS TO MATCH ITEM D. SOURCES: VICTOR, OXWELD, OR SEARS.

-- F. SIXTY EACH LARGEST AVAILABLE HAND BOLT CUTTERS. MIXED MODELS ACCEPTABLE. AVAILABLE ANY MAJOR HARDWARE COMPANY.

-- G. TWENTY EACH PORT-O-POWER JACKING SYSTEMS, COMPLETE. SOURCE: ANY MAJOR HARDWARE COMPANY.

-- H. ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) EACH GOGGLES FOR USE BY ACETYLENE CUTTING OPERATORS, AND 120 EACH PAIRS OF GLOVES, FOR SAME OPERATORS. SOURCES: 3M, SEARS OR VICTOR.

-- I. SEVEN THOUSAND (7,000) LINEAR FEET OF DUAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ACETYLENE CUTTING TORCH HOSE IN 150 FOOT PIECES WITH FITTINGS MOUNTED.

-- J. ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) VERY LARGE HEAVY WRECKING BARS, AND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) EACH HEAVY FIVE FOOT LONG OR LARGER PINCH BARS. AVAILABLE FROM U.S. MILITARY OR LARGE HARDWARE COMPANY.

-- K. FORTY (40) EACH BATTERY OPERATED PORTABLE BULL HORNS FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THREE EXTRA BATTERIES FOR . BULL HORN. SOURCE: HARDWARE COMPANY OR U.S. MILITARY.

-- L. TWO THOUSAND (2,000) EACH ADDITIONAL RESPIRATORS. SAME KIND AS SENT IN EARLIER SHIPMENT, OR SIMILAR.

4. ENGINEER TEAM SUGGESTS SEABEES OR OTHER DOD ASSETS MAY HAVE ALL ITEMS ON LIST IN STOCK OR IN WAR RESERVES. FYI, THE ENGINEER TEAM FROM H.B. ZACHRY COMPANY WILL HELP IF NEEDED. THIS TEAM RETURNS TO SAN ANTONIO 23 SEPTEMBER EARLY AM AND MIKE POPOVICH OR R. J. MOGAS WILL BE AT OFFICE AM OF 23 SEPTEMBER. OFFICE PHONE IS 512-922-1213.

5. IN ADDITION, MEXICAN ARMY REQUESTED DATT FOR FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ADDITION TO SOME OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE:

-- A. THREE (3) EACH GASOLINE-POWERED CONCRETE SAWS FORTY-FIVE (45) EXTRA BLADES.

- B. SIX (6) EACH 2.5 KW GENERATORS.
- C. ONE HUNDRED (100) EACH 100 FOOT HEAVYDUTY OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORDS.

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- D. ONE THOUSAND (1,000) EACH LARGE LANTERN FLASHLIGHTS WITH 3000 BATTERIES.

- E. ONE (1) EACH HYDRAULIC HOE RAM FOR A PINGON NUMBER 14 BACKHOE AND A YUMBO Y-90. BELIEVE THIS IS A FRENCH MADE MACHINE.

- F. SIX OFDA 2000 GPH MOBILE EMERGENCY WATER TREATMENT AND DISINFECTING UNITS WITH THREE PERSONS FOR TRAINING BE PROVIDED TO THE USERS. THE SIX UNITS WILL BE USED AT THREE SEPARATE SITES TO PROVIDE BETWEEN 2,000 AND 3,000

GALLONS PER HOUR TO DISASTER VICTIMS. TRAINERS/OPERATORS SHOULD BE CONTRACTED FOR TWO WEEKS SET-UP, TRAINING, AND DEPARTURE PERIOD. IN CONJUNCTION WITH EACH REPEAT EACH  
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TREATMENT UNIT, REQUEST EIGHT 3,000 GALLON COLLAPSABLE WATER TANKS BE SUPPLIED. ALSO REQUEST 5,000 FIVE GALLON COLLAPSABLE WATER CONTAINERS FOR INDIVIDUAL FAMILY SAFE WATER STORAGE. ALSO SEND 2,000 RESEALABLE-TYPE PLASTIC BAGS (1/4 LBS. CAPACITY EACH) TO ARRIVE WITH TREATMENT UNITS. TREATMENT UNITS ARE FOR LOAN.

-- G. SUFFICIENT TEMPORARY VISQUIN HOUSING WITH COTS AND BEDDING TO HOUSE 5,000 PEOPLE, ACCOMPANIED BY A SHELTER SPECIALIST.

-- H. TEN THOUSAND (10,000) DLE FACE MASKS.

-- I. SIX (6) PORTABLE NIGHT LIGHTING AND ASSOCIATED POWER GENERATORS CAPABLE OF LIGHTING TEN OUTDOOR WORK SITES.

-- J. SIX (6) PORTABLE POWER WINCHES CAPABLE OF MOVING HEAVY CEMENT.

6. AID CONCURS.

7. SEND EQUIPMENT AS RAPIDLY AS AVAILABLE BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. PRIORITY IS TO RESCUE TOOLS.

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MAJOR EARTHQUAKES, PART TWO

REPORT OF TEAM 7 (NORTHERN TWO-THIRDS OF THE DELEGACION  
VENUSTIANO CARRANZA, WEST OF THE AIRPORT)

THE GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE INSPECTING TEAM WAS THAT  
CONDITIONS IN THE AREA WERE RETURNING TO NORMAL. THERE  
WERE NO REPORTS OF MISSING, INJURED, OR DEAD AMERICANS IN  
THE AREA, PROBABLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT IS PRIMARILY A  
LOWER TO MIDDLE CLASS RESIDENTIAL AREA, WITH SOME LIGHT  
INDUSTRY. FOR THE SAME REASON, EMBOFFS SAW ONLY ONE  
HOTEL, THE HOTEL DEL BOSQUE, WHICH HAD NO AMERICANS AS  
GUESTS AND DID NOT APPEAR TO CATER TO THE TOURIST TRADE.  
IT HAD SUFFERED NO REAL DAMAGE.  
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LACK OF RUNNING WATER WAS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THROUGHOUT  
THE AREA. LONG LINES WERE SEEN AT STREETCORNER WATER  
RESERVOIRS AND A COUPLE OF WATER TRUCKS. THE WATER COULD  
BE DEPLETED IN TWO OR THREE DAYS, ACCORDING TO ONE  
ESTIMATE, NEVERTHELESS, THE EMBOFFS OBSERVED SEVERAL  
PEOPLE WASHING THEIR CARS WITH THIS LIMITED SUPPLY.  
EMBOFFS OBSERVED NUMEROUS TENT CITIES, WHICH APPARENTLY  
WERE WELL-SUPPLIED WITH FOODSTSTIBUTED AT LEAST IN  
PART BY GOVERNMENT VEHICLES. THERE IS SUFFICIENT SPACE IN

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HOTELS FOR THE HOMELESS, BUT MANY MEXICANS REFUSE TO LEAVE THE VICINITY OF THEIR HOME SITES. THE DESTROYED HOMES WERE MAINLY OF ADOBE CONSTRUCTION. THE ONLY SUBSTANTIAL BUILDINGS EMBOFFS OBSERVED COMPLETELY LEVELED WERE TWO SCHOOLS. IN ADDITION, THE LARGE IMSS HOSPITAL MATAMOROS HAD BEEN EVACUATED. THE INDUSTRIAL SECTION MONTEZUMA, WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF FACTORIES ARE LOCATED, APPEARED INTACT, AS DID THE LARGE ANFORA STORAGE SILOS.

COMMERCE APPEARS TO BE RETURNING TO NORMAL. SUNDAY MARKETS WERE IN OPERATION AND TRAFFIC WAS MOVING WELL. FEW ROADS WERE BLOCKED OFF AND THEY WERE RESTRICTED ONLY BECAUSE TRAFFIC LIGHTS WERE OUT, CAUSING TRAFFIC JAMS. NO DAMAGE WAS OBSERVED TO BRIDGES, MAJOR ROADS (A FEW SMALL ROADS HAD SUNK IN PARTS) OR THE SUBWAY, WHICH IS OVERHEAD IN THAT AREA. EMBOFFS VISITED THE SALVATION ARMY (IMPRENTE 221, COL. MORELOS, 795-1994, CAPTAIN RAYMUNDO REYES) AND SPOKE WITH MRS. REYES, WHO TOLD THE TEAM THAT THOUSANDS OF MEXICANS WERE HOMELESS. THEY FEED UP TO 500 PEOPLE AT LUNCH AND NEEDED MORE LARGE COOKING POTS. THE AUTHORITIES HAD CLOSED OFF THE GAS TO MOST HOMES, BUT THE SALVATION ARMY STILL HAD GAS AND ALSO USED WOOD FROM AN ADJACENT BUILDING SITE FOR FUEL. SOME HOMELESS WERE

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SLEEPING AT THE SALVATION ARMY BUILDING, WHICH WAS UNDAMAGED. DURING OUR VISIT, FIFTY MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARRIVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO—TWELVE AMERICAN DOCTORS, MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, MEDICS, AND NURSES, PLUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES. THEY WERE SETTING UP A CLINIC AT SALVATION ARMY HEADQUARTERS BUT WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THEY WERE MOST NEEDED. CONOFFS CALLED THEIR REQUEST IN TO THE AID OFFICE IN THE EMBASSY; THE TEAM CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE SALVATION ARMY NUMBER LISTED ABOVE.

THE TEAM STOPPED AT A TEMPORARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND FIRST AID ON AVENIDA DE TRABAJO BETWEEN CARPINTERIA AND THE DAMAGED IMSS HOSPITAL. THE STATION SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED INSULIN AND OXYGEN MASKS, SAYING THAT THEY HAD ONLY ONE TANK OF OXYGEN LEFT. IN GENERAL, THE AREA WAS RETURNING TO NORMAL. POLICE WERE PRESENT IN THE AREA, BUT DID NOT APPEAR PARTICULARLY NECESSARY OR BUSY. THE PROCESS OF REBUILDING WILL BE LONG AND ARDUOUS, BUT THE ATTITUDE OF THE RESIDENTS WAS POSITIVE.

REPORT OF TEAM 8: (DELEGACION VENUSTIANO CARRANZA, AREA SOUTH OF THE AIRPORT AND DELEGACION IZTACALCO, AREA EAST OF EJERCITO 3 ORIENTE AND WEST OF AVENIDA RIO CHURUBUSCO)

THE EMBOFFS SURVEYING THIS AREA FOUND NO INJURED, MISSING,

OR DECEASED AMERICANS AND REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT THE AREA, WHILE DAMAGED HEAVILY IN SOME SECTIONS, WAS OVERALL IN FAIR CONDITION.

DAMAGE REPORT

VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE AREAS SURVEYED DISPLAYED WIDELY DISPARATE DEGREES OF DESTRUCTION. THE TEAM NOTED THAT THE SCT BUILDING AT EJERCITO 4 SUR AND AVENIDA UNIVERSIDAD WAS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. ITS TOWER WITH MURALS IS  
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FALLING INTO THE STREET AND THE ENTIRE ROOF OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION BEHIND HAS COLLAPSED ON TOP OF THE

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OTHER FLOORS. WORK TO DISLODGE THE RUBBLE IS PROCEEDING  
VERY SLOWLY.

ONE BLOCK OVER FROM THE SCT BUILDING, A CREW WAS WORKING  
TO EXTRICATE BODIES, ESTIMATED AT OVER FIFTY, FROM AN  
APARTMENT BUILDING THAT HAD FALLEN ON A COFFEE BAR. A BIT  
FURTHER DOWN, AT THE CORNER OF EJE 4 SUR AND ANDALUCIA,  
THERE WAS ANOTHER BLOCK OF PRIVATE HOMES AND APARTMENT  
BUILDINGS THAT WERE DOWN. A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WAS  
WORKING VERY GINGERLY AMID THE RUBBLE AS THEY THOUGHT  
PERSONS MIGHT STILL BE TRAPPED INSIDE.

THE VIADUCTO M. ALEMAN WAS BEING REPAIRED, WITH WORKMEN ON  
TOP REPAIRING THE BREAKS IN THE SEWER LINES THAT HAD BURST  
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ON THURSDAY ALL THE WAY ALONG THE VIADUCT. AS A  
CONSEQUENCE, THERE WAS A WATER SHORTAGE THROUGHOUT THE  
AREA, WITH RESIDENTS COLLECTING POTABLE WATER FROM THE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT CISTERNS IN THE STREET AND USING ALL KINDS  
OF BUCKETS, GAS DRUMS, AND JUICE CONTAINERS TO CARRY IT  
AWAY.

EMBOFFS OBSERVED MANY BUILDINGS THAT HAD SUSTAINED  
STRUCTURAL DAMAGE DURING THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE, WHICH WAS  
EXACERBATED BY THE SECOND QUAKE ON FRIDAY. FOR EXAMPLE,



THE CORNER IDA PIE DE LA CUESTA AND EJE 6 WAS CORDONED OFF BECAUSE AN APARTMENT BUILDING AT THAT INTERSECTION WAS ABOUT TO FALL. RUBBLE FROM VARIOUS STRUCTURES THAT HAD COLLAPSED WAS STREWN THROUGHOUT THE AREA TRAVERSED BY THE TEAM AND MANY BUILDINGS HAD BEEN EVACUATED, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE SECOND QUAKE.

#### RELIEF EFFORTS

THE TEAM OBSERVED TENT CITIES ERECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THE CORNER OF EJE 4 SUR AND AVENIDA PLUTARCO ELIAS CALLES AND AVENIDA LAZARO CARDENAS AND THE PARK OF THE SAME NAME. AT THESE LOCATIONS, PEOPLE WERE RECEIVING WATER AND FOOD RATIONS.

TWO DOCTORS IN THE CLINICA CHURUBUSCO TOLD THE EMBOFFS THAT THE CLINIC HAD SET UP A VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND ANYONE ELSE WITHOUT POTABLE WATER--TYPHOID SHOTS ARE GIVEN FREE. THERE WAS ALSO A PUMPING STATION ON CALZADA DE TLALPAN THAT WAS DISTRIBUTING POTABLE WATER TO THE RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA. THE MAJOR CONCERN OF THE RESIDENTS WAS THE WATER SUPPLY, BUT A NUMBER OF AREAS ALSO LACKED ELECTRICITY. EFFORTS TO REMEDY THE LATTER PROBLEM WERE NOT VISIBLE TO THE OBSERVERS, AND POST HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT GOVERNMENT

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EFFORTS TO RESTORE POWER.

#### ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE BUILDINGS IN THE AREAS OBSERVED HAVE EITHER ALREADY COLLAPSED OR ARE ON THE VERGE OF DOING SO, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY HAS YET TO RESUME ON ANYTHING APPROACHING A NORMAL SCALE. EMBOFFS SAW NO EVIDENCE OF COMMERCE BEYOND SOME SMALL GROCERY STORES AND BUSINESSES. UNTIL WATER AND ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES ARE ASSURED, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE PROCESS OF REBUILDING CAN TRULY BE SUCCESSFUL. TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF THE EVACUATION AND DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS FOR THE DAILY ROUTINE TO RETURN TO THE AREA.

#### HOTELS

CONOFFS OBSERVED ONLY TWO HOTELS, WHICH WERE AMONG THE HARDEST HIT STRUCTURES. HOTEL JARDINES DE CHURUBUSCO ON CALZADALPAN HAD BEEN EVACUATED BECAUSE OF STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. FURTHER DOWN THE CALZADA, TRAFFIC WAS BLOCKED AT THE CLINICA CHURUBUSCO BECAUSE WORKMEN WERE PULLING DOWN THE HOTEL FINESTER, A "HOTEL DE PASO PARA AUTOBUSES" THAT HAD BEEN COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED.

#### CONCLUSION

BECAUSE MOST OF THE DWELLINGS IN THESE AREAS ARE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSES AND USUALLY HAVE ONLY ONE FLOOR, THEY DID NOT SUFFER THE DAMAGE THAT SOME OTHER SECTIONS INCURRED. AS IN THE REST OF THE CITY, IT WAS THE TALLER STRUCTURES

THAT WERE HARDEST HIT BY THE TWO QUAKES. THE MAJOR PROBLEMS CONFRONTED BY THESE DISTRICTS ARE, IN THE SHORT TERM, THE SCARCITY OF DRINKABLE WATER AND TO A LESSER DEGREE OF ELECTRICITY AND, IN THE LONG TERM, THE NECESSITY TO REBUILD MANY DWELLINGS AND FACTORIES, PARTICULARLY CLOTHING FACTORIES IN COLONIA OBRERA THAT HAD CONSTITUTED A SIZEABLE PART OF THE ECONOMIC BASE OF THE DISTRICT.

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REPORT OF TEAM 9: COLONIAS NARVARTE, OBRERA, COYOACAN AND ALAMOS, ALL IN DELEGACION BENITO JUAREZ

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THERE ARE NO MAJOR MEDICAL CENTERS IN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE TEAM AND NO REPORTS OF AMCITS TREATED AT CLINICS AND GOVERNMENTAL HOSPITALS IN THE AREA. SO FAR AS THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO LEARN, NO AMCITS ARE MISSING OR DEAD IN THE AREA. EXTENT OF DAMAGES RANGED WIDELY AMONG THE SECTIONS OF THE DELEGACION CHECKED, BUT FOR THE MOST PART, THEY ARE NOT AS SEVERE AS IN MANY AREAS OF THE CITY.

DAMAGE REPORT  
COLONIA NARVARTE, EAST OF EJERCITO CENTRAL L. CARDENAS, SUSTAINED MODERATE DAMAGE. WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS HAD FORCED RESIDENTS TO OBTAIN WATER FROM MOBILE SOURCES. THERE WAS NO INDICATION AS TO WHEN POTABLE WATER WOULD  
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AGAIN BE AVAILABLE. RESIDENTIAL AND A FEW COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WERE VISIBLY DAMAGED, BUT THE TEAM DID NOT OBSERVE ANY COLLAPSED STRUCTURES. CONDITION OF THE ALREADY POORLY MAINTAINED STREETS IN THIS AREA WAS COMPLICATED BY CRACKS AND DEBRIS RESULTING FROM THE EARTHQUAKES.  
IN COLONIA OBRERA, ESPECIALLY ALONG CALZADA SAN ANTONIO ABAD, DAMAGE TO BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IS MORE PRONOUNCED. THE HACIENDA SECRETARIAT BUILDING ON THE IS DOWN, AND THERE IS ALSO A WATER SHORTAGE.

ALONG CALZADA TLALPAN, TWO FAIR-SIZED APARTMENT BUILDINGS HAD COLLAPSED. ONE, AT AHORRO POSTAL, APPARENTLY STILL CONTAINED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAPPED UNDER RUBBLE. DEMOLITION TEAMS AND POLICE WERE WORKING ON THIS SITE WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT, AND A LARGE RESCUE TENT IS ON A LOT NEXT TO IT. MANY BUILDINGS IN THE AREA ARE VISIBLY DAMAGED, BUT ARE NEVERTHELESS STILL STANDING AND OCCUPIED.

IN COYOACAN, EMBOFFS SPOKE WITH POLITICAL DELEGATE FRUCTUOSO LOPEZ CARDENAS, WHO REPORTED THIRTY-SEVEN DEATHS IN DELEGACION BENITO JUAREZ, AND TWENTY-TWO BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. THE AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE TO DEMOLISH FIVE OF THE DAMAGED STRUCTURES BUT REQUIRE DEMOLITION EXPERTS, WHICH THEY HAVE REQUESTED FROM THE EMBASSY. MR. LOPEZ INFORMED THE EMBOFFS THAT, TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, NO AMCITS HAVE BEEN REPORTED INJURED OR DEAD IN THE DELEGACION.

THE MOST AFFECTED COLONIA OF THOSE SURVEYED BY THIS TEAM WAS COL. ALAMOS. IN THE AVENIDA XOLA, BOLIVAR, AND CASTILLA STREETS AREA, THERE IS WIDESPREAD COLLAPSE OF THE EARTH. STREETS ARE SEVERELY BROKEN AND BUILDINGS SUNK BELOW STREET LEVEL. TWO APARTMENT BUILDINGS COLLAPSED AND  
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CREWS ARE WORKING TO RESCUE PERSONS POSSIBLY TRAPPED AND TO DEMOLISH BUILDINGS WHICH ENDANGER SURROUNDING ONES.

THE CUAUHTEMOC AND UNIVERSIDAD TO CHURUBUSCO SECTIONS LOOK FINE WITH MINOR DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS--MAINLY FALLEN PLASTER AND BROKEN WINDOWS. MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE ALONG THESE STREETS SEEMS RELATIVELY NORMAL.

#### RELIEF EFFORTS

RELIEF EFFORTS ARE FOCUSING ON CLEARING RUBBLE AND REBUILDING, THOUGH RESTORATION OF DEPENDABLE WATER SUPPLIES IS ALSO A MAJOR CONCERN. THE TEAM DID NOT DISCOVER WHAT PROVISIONS THE GOVERNMENT OR OTHER SOURCES HAVE MADE FOR THE HOMELESS, BUT NEITHER DID IT OBSERVE LARGE NUMBERS OF HOMELESS PERSONS ON THE STREET. ONLY A FEW BUILDINGS ACTUALLY COLLAPSED, SO THE PROBLEM IS NOT NEARLY SO SEVERE IN THIS DELEGACION AS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY.

#### ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

MOST AREAS SURVEYED WERE CHARACTERIZED BY NEAR-NORMAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. ABARROTERIAS AND FOOD STANDS WERE OPEN AND PATRONIZED IN COL. OBRERA, AND IN CUAUHTEMOC, RESTAURANTS WERE OPEN AND ENJOYING NORMAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON CROWDS. THE ROCHE COMPANY, PLAZA UNIVERSIDAD SHOPPING CENTER, AND THE CENTRO BANCOMER COMPLEX ARE ALL INTACT AND OPEN FOR BUSINESS. TRAFFIC MOVED WELL, EXCEPT FOR THE AREA UP TO AVENIDA XOLA, WHERE THE SCT COMPLEX HAD BEEN PARTIALLY DESTROYED.

HOTELS

THE TEAM SAW TWO HOTELS WITHIN ITS DESIGNATED TERRITORY, WHICH HAD MET WITH VERY DIFFERENT FATES. THE HOTEL CIBELES IN COL. OBRERA APPARENTLY SUSTAINED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE, BUT THE HOTEL MONTREAL IN COYOACAN, AT THE CORNER OF CALZADA TLAPLAN AND TASQUENA, WAS SO BADLY DAMAGED BY THE EARTHQUAKES THAT IT WAS BEING DEMOLISHED AT THE TIME

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EMBOFFS WERE IN THE AREA. RESCUE CREWS BELIEVE ABOUT FIVE

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PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED THERE, BUT DELEGATE LOPEZ ASSERTED THAT  
NO AMCITS WERE IN THE HOTEL AT THE TIME OF ITS  
DESTRUCTION.

CONCLUSION  
APART FROM THE NEED TO ENSURE A DEPENDABLE SUPPLY OF  
POTABLE WATER AND TO REBUILD CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE  
DELEGACION, THE TEAM OBSERVED ONLY LIGHT DAMAGE TO THE  
AREA SURVEYED. NORMAL DAILY ROUTINE WAS BEGINNING TO  
REAPPEAR ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES. IN  
COMPARISON WITH MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY, THESE AREAS  
IN DELEGACION BENITO JUAREZ HAVE NOT BEEN TERRIBLY  
DISRUPTED BY THE EVENTS OF THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

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THE INSPECTION TEAM FOUND NO INJURED, DEAD OR MISSING  
AMERICANS IN THE AREA SURVEYED. THE OVERALL IMPRESSION IS  
THAT THE AREA HAD ESCAPED SERIOUS DAMAGE AND LOSS OF LIFE.  
DAMAGE REPORT  
LITTLE EVIDENCE OF DAMAGE WAS FOUND IN MOST OF THE AREA  
SURVEYED. VERY LITTLE RUBBLE WAS IN THE STREETS, AND THE  
ONLY REPAIR WORK STILL GOING ON WAS ALONG CALLE ELIAS

CALLES, WHERE THE CRACKS IN THE SEWAGE PIPES WERE UNDER REPAIR. WATER WAS BEING DISPENSED FRERNS ON STREET CORNERS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

MANY BUILDINGS LACKED ELECTRICITY AND SEVERAL APARTMENT HOUSES HAD BEEN VACATED; THE TEAM OBSERVED A NUMBER OF FAMILIES ON THE STREET WITH THEIR BELONGINGS.

THERE WERE SEVERAL HOLES ON CALLE ROQUETA THAT HAD OPENED UP AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKES, AND SOME RESIDENTS WERE DRAWING WATER FROM THE STREAM THAT RUNS BENEATH THE STREET. AGAIN, LACK OF POTABLE WATER WAS THE MAJOR PROBLEM STILL CONFRONTING THE DELEGACION.

#### RELIEF EFFORTS

BECAUSE THE AREA HAD EMERGED BASICALLY UNSCATHED FROM THE EARTHQUAKES, THERE WERE NO RELIEF EFFORTS UNDERWAY. THERE WAS AN ALBERGUE AT THE CORNER OF CALLE SUR 65A AND SANTA ANITA (CASA DE PROTECCION #2), BUT ITS RESIDENTS WERE FROM OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS. THERE WAS SUFFICIENT FOOD, CLOTHING, AND MEDICINE FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 180 RESIDENTS, AND THE ALBERGUE WAS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRICITY AND PHONE

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SERVICE. RESIDENTS OF THE AREA HAD ESTABLISHED A LARGE RECEIVING CENTER FOR DONATIONS OF CLOTHING AND OTHER NECESSITIES ON CALLE LABORISTAS.

#### ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

WHILE MANY STORES WERE CLOSED, IT IS LIKELY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED SUNDAY MORNINGS ANYWAY. SHOE STORES, MARKETS, AND TORTILLERIAS WERE OPERATING, AND RESIDENTS OF THE AREA APPEARED TO BE CARRYING ON NORMAL ACTIVITIES. STREETS AND THOROUGHFARES, WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS, SUSTAINED NORMAL TRAFFIC, AND THE SANTA ANITA METRO STATION WAS OPEN. IN THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE DELEGACION IN PARTICULAR, RESIDENTS SEEMED TO HAVE ALMOST COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE DEVASTATION. ALONG LA VIGA (EJERCITO 2 OTE), TWO LARGE STORES, GIGANTE AND CENTRO COMERCIAL, WERE OPEN, AS WELL AS A HOST OF SMALLER STORES, INCLUDING PHARMACIES, BAKERIES, AND SHOE STORES. THESE SECTIONS OF THE DELEGACION ARE ALL SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE AND ATMOSPHERE--RESIDENTIAL, MAINLY MIDDLEWER-MIDDLE CLASS. HOTELS-BECAUSE THE AREA IS ALMOST ENTIRELY RESIDENTIAL, EMBOFFS FOUND NO HOTELS IN THE AREAS.

#### CONCLUSION

APART FROM THE NEED TO ENSURE A DEPENDABLE SUPPLY OF POTABLE WATER AND TO REBUILD CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE AREA, THE DELEGACION APPEARS TO BE RETURNING TO NORMAL. DAMAGE WAS LIGHT, ESPECIALLY COMPARED TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CITY, BUT THE EXTENT OF THE RECOVERY IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD IS NONETHELESS REMARKABLE.

THIS LAST SECTION REPORTS THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY  
CONDUCTED OF LOCAL CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH  
AMERICAN MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION OF INJURIES OR DEATHS.

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THE EMBASSY MAINTAINS AS PART OF ITS DIRECTORY A LISTING  
OF VARIOUS CHURCHES, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY  
WHICH HAVE OR EXPRESS INTEREST IN ATTRACTING AMERICAN

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MEMBERS. AS PART OF POST'S EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE ARE INJURED OR DEAD AMERICANS AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKES, CONOFF UTILIZED THE LISTS TO TELEPHONE THESE PARTIES REQUESTING INFORMATION. RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WERE GENERALLY ENCOURAGING. NONE OF THE PEOPLE CONTACTED HAD ANY INJURIES OR DEATHS TO REPORT, NOR ANY MISSING AMERICANS. THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS THAT CONOFF WAS UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE LISTS, DESPITE SEVERAL TRIES THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE CHURCHES THAT REPORTED HAVING NO AMERICANS IN DIFFICULTY IN THEIR CONGREGATIONS OR KNOWN TO PARISHIONERS, TOTALING ELEVEN OF THE FIFTEEN CHURCHES LISTED:  
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ANAZEH SHRINE TEMPLE; BETH ISRAEL COMMUNITY CENTER; CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL; CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST (MORMON); FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST; LA VOTIVA; MASONIC TEMPLE; SAN JACINTO CHURCH; ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH; SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST; AND UNION EVANGELICAL CHURCH. FOUR CHURCHES ON THE LIST DID NOT ANSWER WHEN CALLED; POST WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THEM. THEY ARE: CAPIY BAPTIST CHURCH; CATHEDRAL DE SAN JOSE DE GRACIA; CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (LUTHERAN); AND INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. ORGANIZATIONS OF THE APPROXIMATELY FORTY CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE

EMBASSY DIRECTORY, CONOFF WAS ONLY ABLE TO REACH ABOUT HALF, DESPITE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS. NONE OF THE GROUPS CONTACTED KNEW OF ANY AMERICANS IN DIFFICULTY. THE GROUPS ARE:

AMA TOURING & AUTOMOBILE CLUB; CENTRO DEPOSITIVO ISRAELITA; CLUB ESPANA; CLUB FRANCE; DEPOSITIVO CHAPULTEPEC; DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CENTER; GIRL GUIDES; CHAPULTEPEC GOLF CLUB; CLUB DE GOLF BELLAVISTA; CLUB DE GOLF LA HACIENDA; HUMANE SOCIETY; LIONS CLUB; NUESTROS PEQUEÑOS HERMANOS AND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY; REFORMA ATHLETIC CLUB; ST. CECILIA CHORUS; SALVATION ARMY; AND THE UNIVERSITY CLUB.

IN THE CASE OF THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB, THE CONNECTION WAS SO BAD ON BOTH OCCASIONS CONOFF CALLED THAT HE COULD NOT HEAR THE OTHER PARTY ON THE LINE. IN THE CASE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, CONOFF LEFT MESSAGES ON THE ORGANIZATION'S ANSWERING MACHINE, BUT EXPECTS THAT ANOTHER CALL ON THE PART OF THE EMBASSY WILL BE NECESSARY.

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THE REMAINDER OF THE ORGANIZATIONS NEVER ANSWERED THEIR TELEPHONES DESPITE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS ON THE PART OF CONOFF. POST WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO REACH REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE GROUPS, WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS: AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY; AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MEXICO AND ITS FONDO UNIDO (UNITED FUND) SUBSIDIARY; CASA DE AMIGOS; CENTRO LIBANES; CHILDREN'S FUND; DEPORTIVO SAN ANGEL; FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLUB; ROTARY CLUB; THE STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE; YMCA; AND YWCA.

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1. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS RESCUE ATTEMPTS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE CITY. DOG SEARCH TEAMS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES CONTINUED TO OPERATE, BUT WERE HAMPERED BY LACK OF LIGHTS AND SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT. COMMAND CENTERS WERE MANNED AT THE DELEGATION LEVEL, BUT ACCORDING TO A CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH CITY OR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

2. ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN THE EARLY HOURS WITH NINE DOGS AND THEIR HANDLERS, PUMPS, CHAIN SAWS, CLOTHING,  
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ETC. THE DOG TEAMS WERE ALREADY ON THE JOB BEFORE 8 A.M. A SECOND U.S. AIRCRAFT LANDED SHORTLY AFTER WITH COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, WATER TRAILERS AND 5,000 BODY BAGS.

3. RECEIVED NOTICE OF "WHEELS UP" FOR AIR FORCE TWO FROM WASHINGTON AT 0911 EDT.

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SUBJECT: SITREP 43: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - RELIEF EFFORTS;  
 OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE U.S. SEISMIC AND CAMERA TEAMS, USING SOUNDING EQUIPMENT AND A "SNAKE" CAMERA, IDENTIFIED TODAY THE PRECISE LOCATION OF A COUPLE BURIED DEEP WITHIN THE RUBBLE OF THE NUEVO LEON APARTMENT BUILDING IN TLATELOLCO. THE PEOPLE WERE PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE CAMERA. THE SMALL CAMERA WAS ALSO USED TO LOWER A WATER-ABSORBED SWATCH OF COTTON TO THE COUPLE TO GIVE THEM THEIR FIRST WATER SINCE BEING BURIED. THEY WERE FINALLY BROUGHT OUT AT UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOUT 1 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 23 WITH A SWISS TEAM AIDING IN THE FINAL PHASE OF THE RESCUE.

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2. A REPORT FROM THE U.S. DOG RESCUE TEAMS AND THEIR HANDLERS, INDICATES THAT SEPT. 23 WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THE FIRST DAY. THE 12 DOGS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO FOUR TEAMS OF DOGS OPERATING AT DIFFERENT SITES AROUND THE CITY. THE DOGS HAVE TODAY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DETECTING NINE SEPARATE LOC WHERE LIVING PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO BE FOUND. THEY ALSO LOCATED 23 OTHER AREAS OF LIKELY BODIES AND UNCOVERED NUMEROUS CORPSES AMIDST THE RUBBLE OF COLLAPSED BUILDINGS. A PROBLEM IS

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THAT THE AMERICAN TEAMS KEEP BEING TAKEN TO SITES WHERE THE FRENCH AND SWISS DOG RESCUE TEAMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN

EARLIER. THE LATTER STEMS FROM A LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG THE MEXICANS, INASMUCH AS THE FRENCH AND SWISS TEAMS ARE WORKING UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE MEXICAN MILITARY, WHEREAS THE U.S. TEAMS ARE WORKING UNDER

THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE MUNICIPAL FEDERAL DISTRICT. APPARENTLY THE CIVILIAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES DO NOT TALK TO OR COORDINATE WITH THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES THUS CAUSING MUCH UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

3. AN UNFOUNDED RUMOR SPREAD YESTERDAY THAT PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN WORKING AT THE RUINS OF THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO RADIATION FROM A RADIATION TREATMENT MACHINE AT THE HOSPITAL. THIS RUMOR WAS INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY BY THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE AND TURNED OUT TO BE TOTALLY UNFOUNDED. IN THE COURSE OF ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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INVESTIGATION, THE SCIENCE OFFICE FOUND THAT THE MEXICAN CNSNS (NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY COMMISSION) HAD ALREADY VISITED ALL SITES (SUCH AS COLLAPSED HOSPITALS) WHERE THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANY RADIATION HAZARDS OR POSSIBLE LEAKS. THEY DETERMINED, BY USE OF THEIR RADIATION MEASURING EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER MEANS, THAT NO DANGER OF EXPOSURE TO RADIATION HAZARDS EXISTS.

4. CONGRESSMAN KIKI DE LA GARZA (DEMOCRAT TEXAS) ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY TODAY FOR A BRIEF EARTHQUAKE-RELATED VISIT. HE MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN SENATE, SENATOR RIVA PALACIO, AND GOM SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EDUARDO PESQUEIRA. DE LA GARZA BROUGHT SOME MEDICINES. PESQUEIRA ASKED FOR A MARSHALL PLAN FOR MEXICO. PESQUEIRA ALSO MADE A STRONG PLEA FOR 3,000 COLLAPSIBLE WATER CONTAINERS. HE SAID THE 1.3 MILLION PERSONS WITHOUT WATER IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN SUBURBS (OFDA ASSESSMENT TEAM IS NOW WORKING ON THIS - SEPTTEL FOLLOWS).

5. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME 16 NATIONS HAVE SENT AID TO MEXICO, IN THE FORM OF EITHER RESCUE PERSONNEL AND/OR EQUIPMENT AND PROVISIONS. AMONG THESE HAVE BEEN U.S., FRENCH, SWISS, AND BRITISH TEAMS. OTHERS HAVE INCLUDED CUBA, WHICH SENT A HEALTH MISSION WHICH ARRIVED HERE ON SEPTEMBER 22 WITH A PLANE LOAD OF SANITATION MATERIALS, MEDICINES, AND VACCINES, AND ISRAEL, WHICH ANNOUNCED THE ARRIVAL IN MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 22 OF A SPECIAL AIR FORCE PLANE WITH 35 PERSONS ABROAD. THEY ARE SPECIALISTS IN RESCUE WORK AND HAVE SPECIAL RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY.

6. REPORTS OF THE EMBASSY SURVEY TEAMS WHICH TOURED THE MOST HEAVILY DAMAGED PARTS OF THE CITY ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 22 CAME UP WITH SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS AND

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OBSERVATIONS. THEY FOUND THAT THERE WERE AMPLE VOLUNTEERS AT ALL SITES TO HELP WITH RESCUE EFFORTS, PROVISION OF MEALS AND CLOTHING, AND CROWD CONTROL. THERE WERE ALSO PLENTY OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN EVIDENCE. MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE ALSO OBSERVED HELPING WITH THE HEAVY DIGGING, AND PEMEX PERSONNEL WERE MUCH IN EVIDENCE, OPERATING HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDING FUEL. ALL AREAS  
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DEMONSTRATED GREATLY REDUCED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, ALTHOUGH SOME STORES AND RESTAURANTS WERE OPEN. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN IN PART, HOWEVER, BECAUSE IT WAS SUNDAY.

7. THE EMBASSY SURVEY TEAMS FOUND MUCH BETTER CONDITIONS EXISTED ON SEPT. 22 THAN ON PREVIOUS DAYS AT THE DAMAGE SITES, BOTH WITH RESPECT TO ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT. ONE OBSERVER COMMENTED TO OUR TEAMS THAT THE SITUATION (I.E., MOVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY) BEGAN TO IMPROVE ONCE FOREIGNANCE TEAMS ARRIVED. ALL PERSONS



WITH WHOM EMBASSY PERSONNEL SPOKE AT THE DAMAGE SITES WERE FRIENDLY AND INFORMATIVE, AND EMBASSY TEAMS WERE NOT DENIED ACCESS TO ANY SITES. OUR EMBASSY TEAMS RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT MOST PEOPLE AT THE SITES WERE EAGER TO HELP IN THE RELIEF AND RESCUE EFFORTS BUT SENSED THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF ADEQUATE LEADERSHIP. ONE PERSON EXPRESSED ANGER BECAUSE HE CLAIMED AMERICANS ARE NOT GETTING ANY CREDIT IN THE PRESS FOR THEIR HELP WHILE OTHER FOREIGNERS ARE. ADEQUATE SECURITY WAS OBSERVED IN ALL AREAS. THE TEAMS BELIEVE THAT LOOTING HAS BEEN KEPT LOW.

8. THE U.S. DEMOLITION TEAM, WHICH ARRIVED YESTERDAY, VISITED AND SURVEYED THREE AREAS TODAY. IT HAS FOUND THAT SOME OF THE BUILDINGS WHICH THE MEXICANS WANT DEMOLISHED CANNOT BE DEMOLISHED BY EXPLOSIVES. THE DEMOLITION TEAM IS STILL CONDUCTING ITS SURVEYS.

9. THE EMBASSY NOW HAS ESTABLISHED A COUNT OF SIX CONFIRMED U.S. CITIZENS DEAD (I.E., WHOSE PHYSICAL REMAINS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED), PLUS TWELVE U.S. CITIZENS PRESUMED DEAD. (DRAFTED:LAB:JGWYNN) GAVIN

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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, USDA, MX

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO URGENTLY PURCHASE CORN AND OIL SEEDS

1. ING. JOSE URQUIAGA BLANCO, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL  
COMMERCIALIZATION IN CONASUPO, INFORMED ACTING  
AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR YOUNG TODAY BY PHONE THAT CONASUPO  
AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR NEED TO PURCHASE CORN AND OILSEEDS  
SOMETIME NEXT WEEK USING GSM-102 CREDIT GUARANTEES. DUE  
TO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE, CONASUPO IS CONCERNED THAT THEY MAY  
NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE PURCHASES BEFORE OCTOBER 1, THE  
LAST DAY TO REGISTER SALES UNDER THE GSM-102 CREDIT  
GUARANTEE PROGRAM FOR FY 85.

2. ING. URQUIAGA REQUESTED THAT EITHER THE TIME TO  
REGISTER SALES UNDER THE GSM-102 PROGRAM FOR FY 85 BE  
EXTENDED FOR ONE MONTH (TO OCTOBER 31) OR THAT THE  
GSM-102 PROGRAM FOR FY 86 BE MADE AVAILABLE STARTING  
OCTOBER 1. YOUNG TOLD ING. URQUIAGA THAT HE FELT IT  
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WOULD BE EASIER AND MORE LOGICAL TO ANNOUNCE THE FY 86  
PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 1, AND SUGGESTED THAT URQUIAGA REQUEST  
THAT ENRIQUE ESCALANTE OF HACIENDA PROVIDE AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE THE CREDIT GUARANTEE INSURANCE (CGA) FOR  
CONASUPO AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. URQUIAGA SAID HE WOULD  
CALL ESCALANTE AND REPORT BACK

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANNOUNCING THE FY 86 PROGRAM BY OCT  
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SUBJECT: MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT TO MEXICO

1. (U) SUMMARY: MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT WAS A  
COMPASSIONATE GESTURE APPRECIATED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS DE  
LA MADRID AND THE MEXICANS SHE ENCOUNTERED. MRS.  
REAGAN'S VISIT BROUGHT HER INTO THE CENTER OF  
EARTHQUAKE-TORN MEXICO CITY. SHE WAS WARMLY WELCOMED BY  
PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID AS WELL AS HIS WIFE DURING A  
PRIVATE MEETING. OFTEN PRESSED BY CROWDS AT SITES SHE  
VISITED SHE WAS BESET BY FRIENDSHIP AND INTEREST ON THE  
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PART OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC, VISIBLY MOVED BY THE  
SUFFERING SHE ENCOUNTERED, THE FIRST LADY NEVERTHELESS  
COMMUNICATED HER CONCERN WITH DIGNITY AND COMPASSION.  
SHE PRESENTED A CHECK OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE TO MRS DE LA MADRID AND GAVE A  
MORALE-BOOSTING TALK TO THE EMBASSY STAFF. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) MRS. REAGAN'S ANDED ON SCHEDULE AT 1105  
HOURS. THE FIRST LADY WAS MET ON THE TARMAC BY MRS. ANA  
ITURDE DE SEPULVEDA (WIFE OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS

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SECRETARY), AMBASSADOR PEDRO GONZALEZ-RUBIO, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GAVIN. NO PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED WITH EITHER THE PRESS OR THE MOTORCADE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMPOUND AT LOS PINOS.

3. (U) AT LOS PINOS MRS. REAGAN, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR GAVIN, MET PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. DE LA MADRID. THE MEETING WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAD NOT BEEN PROGRAMMED. MRS. REAGAN EXPRESSED SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. SHE REFERRED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S EARLIER TELEPHONE CALL TO PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID AND STRESSED ONCE AGAIN THE DESIRE OF THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AND AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ASSIST MEXICO IN WHATEVER WAY WE COULD. DURING THE LOS PINOS MEETING MRS. REAGAN PRESENTED THE MEXICAN FIRST LADY WITH A CHECK FOR \$1 MILLION TO BE USED FOR DISASTER RELIEF. AT THIS POINT, MRS. DE LA MADRID JOINED THE MOTORCADE AND ACCOMPANIED MRS. REAGAN TO SEVERAL SITES.

4. (U) MRS. REAGAN AND HER MOTORCADE PROCEEDED TO THE "REPUBLICA ESPANOLA" DIF CENTER. (DIF IS A SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY DEVOTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY LIFE  
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AND IS TRADITIONALLY HEADED BY THE MEXICAN FIRST LADY.) THIS PARTICULAR CENTER HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN EMERGENCY FACILITY TO COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE FOOD, CLOTHING AND WATER, AND TO SERVE AS A MAKESHIFT MORGUE. IT IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HUGE TLATELOLCO APARTMENT COMPLEX, MAJOR PARTS OF WHICH WERE DESTROYED OR BADLY DAMAGED BY THE QUAKE.

5. (C) THE APPOINTMENT AT THE DIF CENTER HAD BEEN CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE BY THE GOM. THE EMBASSY IN THE STRONGEST TERMS EXPRESSED ITS DISMAY ABOUT THE LAST MINUTE CHANGE. FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE TWO FIRST LADIES, EMBASSY WAS INFORMED SITE WAS AGAIN ON THE SCHEDULE. THE GOM DID NOT HAVE TIME TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY POLICY SUPPORT AND CROWD CONTROL MEASURES. THE SITUATION AT DIF WAS TENSE.

6. (U) UPON ARRIVAL AT DIF, THE FIRST LADY AND HER PARTY VIEWED TWO COLLAPSED APARTMENT BUILDINGS, WHERE DEMOLITION WORK WAS IN PROGRESS. THE SITE WAS CHAOTIC AND EMOTIONALLY CHARGED. RESCUE WORKERS AND ESPECIALLY THE PRESS ATTEMPTED TO GET AS CLOSE TO MRS. REAGAN AS POSSIBLE. AFTER VIEWING THE DESTRUCTION, THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO THE DIF CENTER ACROSS FROM FALLEN BUILDINGS. WITHIN THE DIF COMPOUND CONTROL OF THE PRESS IMPROVED. HERE MRS. REAGAN SAW A SMALL EMERGENCY CLINIC AS WELL AS A DISPATCH CENTER FOR FOOD, WATER, AND CLOTHING. ONCE THE PARTY LEFT THE COMPOUND, CROWD

CONTROL PROBLEMS RESUMED BUT THE PARTY WAS NEVER IN DANGER. THE MOOD OF THE PEOPLE WAS FRIENDLY AND THEY BID MRS. REAGAN A FOND FAREWELL.

7. (U) MRS. REAGAN'S PARTY THEN PROCEEDED ON A MOTORCADE TOUR OF SOME OF THE MOST DAMAGED AREAS OF THE CITY. SHE MADE ONE STOP AT THE RUINS OF THE REGIS HOTEL WHERE EXCAVATION WORK WAS IN PROGRESS. AT THIS LOCATION THE PRESS AND THE CROWD WERE MORE CONTROLLABLE BUT ALSO

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FRIENDLY AND HAPPY TO SEE THE FIRST LADY. THE MOTORCADE  
CONTINUED ON THE TOUR OF THE HEAVILY DAMAGED CENTRAL  
CORRIDOR OF THE CITY.

8. (U) THE MOTORCADE ARRIVED AT THE RED CROSS HOSPITAL  
IN POLANCO, AN AREA WHICH WAS SPARED SERIOUS DAMAGE.  
NEARLY ALL THE PATIENTS WERE QUAKE VICTIMS. THE VISIT  
BEGAN WITH A WALK THROUGH THE FRONT COURTYARD WHERE THE  
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FIRST LADY VIEWED A FIELD KITCHEN AND TENTS FOR  
VOLUNTEERS. MRS. REAGAN THEN MOVED QUICKLY INTO THE  
HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS MET BY HOSPITAL AND RED CROSS  
OFFICIALS. FROM HERE THE PARTY WENT TO THE EMERGENCY  
ROOM AND ALSO VISITED WARDS. MRS. REAGAN BY CHANCE MET  
ONE VICTIM FROM CALIFORNIA, WHO HAD BROKEN AND MISSING  
FINGERS; HIS WIFE'S LEG HAD BEEN AMPUTATED.

9. (U) BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE HOSPI  
OFFICIAL PRESS HAD EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES TO COVER MRS.

REAGAN'S VISIT. IN CONTRAST TO THE DIF CENTER, MEXICAN PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICE AND SECURITY SUPPORT AT THE SITE WAS ADEQUATE.

10. (U) MRS. REAGAN THEN WENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY, WHERE SHE ADDRESSED MISSION STAFF AND DEPENDENTS. AFTER AN INTRODUCTION BY THE AMBASSADOR THE FIRST LADY PRAISED THE WORK OF THE EMBASSY EMPLOYEES AND THANKED THEM FOR THE LONG HOURS THEY HAD EXPENDED. SHE ALSO SAID IT HAD BEEN "WONDERFUL TO SEE HOW MEXICO AND THE U.S. WERE WORKING TOGETHER TO SURMOUNT THE DISASTER."

11. (U) MRS. REAGAN'S DEPARTURE FOR THE AIRPORT WENT SMOOTHLY. THE FIRST LADY RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AS SHE WALKED TO THE PLANE. SHE WAS SEEN OFF BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S WIFE, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AND AMBASSADOR GAVIN. WHEELS-UP WAS APPROXIMATELY 1530 HOURS. DRAFTED BY BOHLEN/LINSKEY. GAVIN

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## 1. DEMOLITION TEAM MEETS IN EMBASSY

THE TEAM OF U.S. DEMOLITION EXPERTS WHOSE MOVEMENTS  
ARE BEING FACILITATED BY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MET AT  
1930 HRS SEPTEMBER 23 IN THE EMBASSY WITH MEXICAN  
MILITARY OFFICERS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MAJOR SANTA  
MARIA. THE MEXICAN MILITARY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY  
THEIR CIVILIAN LIAISON, MR. MELCHOR CAMPO. THE U.S.  
EXPERTS PRESENTED A LIST OF BUILDINGS WHICH THEY HAD

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SEEN TOGETHER WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESTRUCTION  
EITHER BY CONVENTIONAL METHODS OR BY EXPLOSIVES.  
MAJOR SANTA MARIA EXPLAINED THAT THE MEXICANS HAD  
A SIMILAR LIST AND HAD IDENTIFIED 50-70 BUILDINGS  
WHICH SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY DEMOLISHED. THE TWO  
GROUPS WILL BE MEETING THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 24  
AT 0800 AT ONE OF THE TARGETED BUILDINGS AT BUCARELLI  
AND MORELOS. THE MEXICANS AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT THEY  
WOULD BE ASSUMING FULL LIABILITY FOR THE ACTIVITIES  
OF THE EXPERTS.

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## 2. MEXICAN MILITARY

DAO REPORTS THAT MEXICAN MILITARY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DESIGNATED ZONES, AND ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS. THIS EVENING THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS GIVEN DAO A LIST OF 20 ITEMS OF DRUGS WHICH THEY REQUIRE. THESE INCLUDE PENICILLIN, MUSCLE RELAXANTS, PAIN KILLERS, AND SERUM FOR IMMUNIZATIONS. SPECIFIC REQUEST IS BEING RELAYED THROUGH AID OFFICE.

## 3. ARRIVAL AND USE OF U.S. ASSISTANCE

AT 2100, ONE BILINGUAL MEDICAL SPECIALIST FROM THE USALF MEDICAL CENTER ARRIVED IN MEXICO TO ASSIST THE EMBASSY IN TRANSLATING MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS INTO ENGLISH. THE SPECIALIST IS NOW AT WORK AT THAT TASK. ALSO, FOUR RESCUE PERSONNEL FROM DADE COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE (FLORIDA) ARRIVED AND IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO VARIOUS SITES. THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH FOUR HYDRAULIC RESCUE APPARATUS.

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## 4. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

SEPTEMBER 23 UNO MAS UNO CARRIED A FULL-PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT SIGNED BY RAMON AGUIRRE, ANNOUNCING THAT PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID HAD FORMED AN INTER-SECRETARIAL COMMISSION TO AID THE METROPOLITAN AREA. FOURTEEN COORDINATING COMMITTEES WERE NAMED WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES COVERED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DISASTER RELIEF AND REBUILDING EFFORT. ONE OF THESE, THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF ASSISTANCE IS HEADED BY LIC. FERNANDO SERRANO MIGAILON, AGUIRRE'S CHIEF OF ADVISERS IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT, AND BY LIC. ENRIQUE ROMO GARZA, ADVISER TO THE FEDERAL DISTRICT'S SECRETARIAT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. (DRAFT: POL:MDAVISON) GALVIN

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EQUIPMENT FOR MEXICO CITY EARTHQUAKE AREA

1. THIS CABLE REPRESENTS THE RESULT OF A TWO-DAY PHYSICAL  
SURVEY AND INFORMATION INVENTORY ASSESSMENT BY VICTOR  
WEHMAN, CONSULTANT TO OFDA AND BY BRIAN MOSS, CONSULTANT  
TO OFDA ON THE SITUATION AND NEEDS OF CURRENTLY UNSERVED  
MEXICAN CITIZENS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF MEXICO CITY.

2. BACKGROUND. AS OF THIS DATE, NO SURVEY BY THE OFDA  
ASSESSMENT TEAM HAS OCCURRED OUTSIDE THE MEXICO CITY  
METROPOLITAN AREA. A ONE DAY HELICOPTER DAMAGE AND  
SITUATION SURVEY WILL LIKELY TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, 24  
SEPTEMBER, 85 IN RURAL AREAS TO THE WEST OF MEXICO CITY.

VIC WEHMAN MET AT 1400 ON 23 SEPTEMBER WITH ENGINEER  
SERGIO MORENO MEJIA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DIRECCION  
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GENERAL DE CONSTRUCCION Y OPERACION HIDRAULICA DEL  
DEPARTAMENTO DEL DISTRITO FEDERAL, TEL.NO. OFFICE  
544-0120. THIS ORGANIZATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, WATER TESTING AND  
TRAINING ASPECTS OF THE METROPOLITAN MEXICO CITY AREA  
UNDER NORMAL NON-DISASTER CONDITIONS. WEHMAN VISITED ONE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS AND WAS IM WITH  
THE ORGANIZATIONS BUILDING, EQUIPMENT AND APPARENTLY  
EXCELLENT STAFFING OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL. WEHMAN HAD  
BEEN SEARCHING OUT THIS INDIVIDUAL ON MONDAY WITH NO

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LUCK. AT THE SAME TIME, BRIAN MOSS WAS PERSONALLY CONTACTED AT THE U.S. EMBASSY/AID/OFDA DISASTER ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION CENTER BY MR. EDUARDO PESQUEIRA, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. DURING THE MEETING MINISTER PESQUEIRA REQUESTED THAT WE COORDINATE ALL FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS WITH MR. RODRIGO MORENO, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE DISTRITO FEDERAL (542-0113 AND 522-3957 AND 542-0117) AND WITH DR. FERNANDO GONZALEZ, SUB-SECRETARY OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (584-6998 AND 584-7199 AND 584-1311).

### 3. SITUATION REPORT.

AS A RESULT OF A VARIETY OF PHYSICAL SURVEY AND INFORMATIONAL SEARCHES, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST IN THE METROPOLITAN MEXICO CITY AREA.

A. FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STANDPOINT, MEXICO CITY WAS A COMPLEX URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL CENTER BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE.

B. THE PRIOR EARTHQUAKE SITUATION INVOLVED A VERY COMPLEX WATER SUPPLY, WASTE DISPOSAL, AIR POLLUTION, HAZARDOUS WASTE AND DENSELY POPULATED RELATIONSHIP. EVEN BEFORE THE

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EARTHQUAKE, THE WORLD BANK ESTIMATED THAT 3 MILLION OF THE 18 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE AREA DID NOT HAVE BASIC SAFE WATER AND ADEQUATE SANITATION SERVICES.

C. THE AREA WAS UNDERLAID WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MILES OF WATER AND SEWER LINES. THESE LINES LEAKED BUT BASICALLY WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE PRESSURE AND FLOW TO EVEN HIGH RISE BUILDING COMPLEXES.

D. MEXICO CITY IS A DENSELY POPULATED AREA WITH A MAJORITY OF MULTI-STORY HOUSING, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES. IT IS NOW PROBABLY EVEN MORE DENSELY POPULATED WITH MANY OF ITS BUILDINGS IN THE DOWNTOWN EITHER DESTROYED OR DAMAGED TO THE POINT OF REQUIRING SIGNIFICANT REBUILDING OR DEMOLITION.

E. TRAFMEXICO CITY BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE WAS BAD BUT TODAY IT IS ABSOLUTELY FIERCE. IT TAKES HOURS TO TRAVEL 15 MILES IN ANY DIRECTION WITHOUT AN ESCORT. THIS RESULTS IN GREATLY SLOWED EMERGENCY AND RELIEF ACTIVITIES.

F. BEST ESTIMATES FROM THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETINGS INDICATE THAT

(1) OVERALL WATER FLOWS INTO THE METRO MEXICO CITY AREA ARE STILL ABOUT THE SAME AS BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE. HOWEVER, THE LEAKAGE FROM BOTH DRINKING WATER LINES AND WASTEWATER LINES HAVE INCREASED BY DRAMATIC PROPORTIONS

RESULTING IN THE INABILITY OF THE WATER UTILITY TO MAINTAIN FLOW AND PRESSURE TO ITS USERS. LARGE SECTIONS OF METRO MEXICO CITY ARE CURRENTLY OBTAINING WATER BEYOND THEIR PIPES.

(2) THERE ARE LARGE AMOUNTS OF TRAINED

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CONSTRUCTION-MAINTENANCE EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE IN THE METRO AREA.

(3) THE WATER-SEWER AUTHORITY IS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING LEAKAGE TESTING SURVEYS TO IDENTIFY SITES FOR REPAIR. WEHMAN DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY HOWEVER TO MOUNT LEAKAGE-REPAIR STUDIES OF THE MAGNITUDE TO INSURE PRIOR EARTHQUAKE WATER QUALITY FOR SEVERAL YEARS IF THEY USE PRESENT RESOURCES. WHEN ASKED IF LEAKAGE STUDIES-EQUIPMENT WAS A NEED, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL INDICATED NO NEED WAS THERE.

(4) THE WATER-SEWER AUTHORITY HAS RECEIVED A SEVERE BLOW IN THE LOSS OF ITS BUILDING DOWNTOWN WHICH HAD DECADES OF WATER AND SEWER LINE UTILITY INFORMATION AND HOW THESE  
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LINES FIT INTO EXISTING ELECTRICAL GRID, METRO SUBWAY AND FACILITY EASEMENTS. MOST OF THIS INFORMATION IS NOW GONE. WEHMAN BELIEVES IT WILL TAKE THE WATER-SEWER AUTHORITY EVEN LONGER TO RESPOND THAN NORMAL TO EVEN A MORE COMPLEX SITUATION.

(5) BETWEEN 3 AND 5 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE METRO MEXICO CITY AREA ARE CURRENTLY, AS A MINIMUM OUT OF DIRECT ACCESS TO SAFE WATER. MOST SEWERS ARE BROKEN AND LEAKING MOST TOILETS-GREY WATER DISCHARGE POINTS ARE NOT ADEQUATELY DRAINING.

(6) DETAILED INFORMATION ON EXISTING PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER IS GENERALLY EXTREMELY LIMITED.

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4. RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. IMMEDIATELY PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT INTO METRO MEXICO CITY 300 THREE THOUSAND GALLON COLLAPSIBLE WATER STORAGE TANKS (AIRBORNE TYPE, STAVE-TYPE, ETC.) FOR ESTABLISHING CONTROLLED WATER SUPPLY AND DISINFECTION POINTS. WITHIN 30 DAYS BRING IN ANOTHER 500 OF THE 3000 GALLON COLLAPSIBLE WATER STORAGE TANKS TO MEET DEMANDS. INITIAL SET OF TANKS WILL NOT MEET DEMANDS. THESE TANKS WILL BE USED BY THE MEXICAN ARMY, NAVY, MIN. OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AUTHORITY FOR MEXICO CITY AND OTHER GROUPS TRYING TO REASONABLY SUPPORT THE BASIC HEALTH NEEDS OF MEXICO CITY EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS.

- 2. IMMEDIATELY PURCHASE SIXTY 50-KG CONTAINERS OF 70 PER CENT CALCIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR USE WITH THE EMERGENCY WATER POINTS. PROBABLY POSSIBLE TO BUY LOCAL MEXICAN  
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SOURCES OF HYPOCHLORITE - ELIMINATING DIFFICULT AND COSTLY AIRLIFT HANDLING PROBLEMS.

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- 3. IMMEDIATELY PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT 20,000 COLLAPSIBLE 5 GALLON WATER STORAGE AND DISINFECTION CONTAINERS FOR CONTROLLED PUBLIC HEALTH USE OF FAMILIES IN THE DEVASTATED AREA. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE CONTAINERS COULD BE MADE AND PURCHASED IN MEXICO AT A LOWER TOTAL COST THAN U.S. BUT TIMELINESS WOULD BE LOST.

- 4. IMMEDIATELY PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT 100 FREE CHLORINE RESIDUAL TEST KITS WITH SUFFICIENT RESUPPLY CHEMICALS TO PROVIDE 3 MONTHS SUPPLY WITH 10 TESTS PER DAY PER TEST KIT.
- 5. IMMEDIATELY PROCURE AND SHIP APPROXIMATELY 500 OF THE GSA SUPPLIED WALBRO WATER PURIFIERS MADE BY DAVCO MANUFACTURING CORP, 4601 PLATT RD, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48104. COST ABOUT 10-15 DOLLARS EACH. THESE CUPS WILL BE USED TO PROTECT AID RELIEF WORKERS AND CONS DURING DISASTER OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD AND BE USED IN SELECT INSTANCES WHERE SAFE WATER IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IN ESPECIALLY CONTAMINATED ENVIRONMENTS.
- 6. IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN SERVICES AND TRANSPORT TWO QUALIFIED FIELD WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION ENGINEERING SPECIALISTS TO WORK WITH WEHMAN ON PROGRAM SITING, TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS. RECOMMEND MR. BARRY DAVIS, SANITARY ENGINEER FROM CDC/ATLANTA (404-955-9033) MR. GARY LEE, SANITARY ENGINEER IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (816 331-0687) OR MR. FRED REIFF SANITARY/ ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER FROM PAHO/WASH D.C. ALL THREE INDIVIDUALS HAVE EXTENSIVE FIELD WATER AND WASTEWATER ENGINEERING CAPABILITY AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

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- 7. AT THIS TIME NO MAJOR SYSTEM COMPONENT PURCHASES ARE ANTICIPATED (CONCRETE PIPE, STEEL PIPE, LARGE PUMPS, ETC.). MAXIMUM ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO USE LOCALLY AVAILABLE MEXICAN ITEMS WHERE TIMING AND COSTS PERMIT.  
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FOR CA/OCS/CCS/ARA/EMR

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX

SUBJECT: SITREP 46: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ATTACHING DADE COUNTY RESCUE PERSONNEL TO U.S. DOG RESCUE TEAMS. BY DOING SO, IT IS BELIEVED A VERY EFFECTIVE, SELF-CONTAINED UNIT WOULD RESULT.

2. CONGEN GAUDALAJARA REPORTS THAT THERE ARE NO KNOWN AMCIT DEATHS OR INJURIES WITHIN ITS CONSULAR DISTRICT.

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3. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE RAILROAD LINE BETWEEN CUATZACOALOS AND MEXICO CITY WAS SEVERED DUE TO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE. A TRUCK FERRY SYSTEM HAS BEEN SET UP AROUND THE BREAK (EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN). NO ESTIMATE ON TIME NEEDED TO REPAIR THE BREAK. IN THE MEANWHILE, THE BREAK IS CAUSING DELAYS AND ADDED COSTS. GRAINS AND PETROLEUM ARE TWO OF THE PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS HANDLED OVER THIS LINE, AND BOTH ARE IN DEMAND IN MEXICO CITY.

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4. MEXICANA FLIGHT 111 DUE IN MEXICO CITY AT 0500 ON SEPT. 24 REPORTEDLY IS CARRYING SOME 4300 LBS. OF RELIEF EQUIPMENT. THE ASSI WAS COLLECTED BY A LOS ANGELES COUNCILMAN AND CONSIGNED TO MIGUEL ALEMAN. IT CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF JACK HAMMERS, ACETYLENE TORCHES, ETC.

5. AID/MEXICO IS ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN EXACT NATURE OF SUPPLIES WHICH OKLAHOMA LT. GOVERNOR WISHES TO FLY DOWN, AND SPECIALTIES OF THE ELEVEN DOCTORS WHO ARE TO ACCOMPANY THEM, BEFORE APPROACHING GOM TO OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCES.

6. FOUR PLANELOADS OF HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ON C5A AIRCRAFT ARE DUE TO DEPART KELLY AFB AT 0500Z SEPTEMBER 26 AND ARRIVE 0600Z. THIS IS THE RELIEF EFFORT ORGANIZED BY MAYOR CISNEROS OF SAN ANTONIO.

7. AS OF 0500 SEPTEMBER 25, THE NAMES OF NEARLY 5,000 AMCITS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR PURPOSES OF CONTACTING RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY ARE SAFE AND SOUND. IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITION, FIVE AMERICANS WERE CONFIRMED DEAD AND 31 AMCITS ARE STILL MISSING. (DRAFT:ECP:PPENNINGER/JFELT) GAVIN

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DEPT FOR MEXICO EARTHQUAKE TASK FORCE

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: AEMR, OVIP (DE LA GARZA, KIKA), MX  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF CONGRESSMAN DE LA GARZA

REF: STATE 291799

SUMMARY

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1. CONGRESSMAN KIKA DE LA GARZA MADE AN 8-HOUR VISIT TO MEXICO CITY. AGENDA INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR GAVIN, AID REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR, MEXICAN SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE PESQUEIRA AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PALACIO. DISCUSSION TOPICS DEALT WITH MEXICO'S RELIEF NEEDS DUE TO LAST WEEKS EARTHQUAKES. END SUMMARY.

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2. CONGRESSMAN KIKA DE LA GARZA ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY ON SEPTEMBER 23 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR A BRIEF EARTHQUAKE-RELATED VISIT.

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3. BETWEEN 12:35 P.M. AND 1:35 P.M., CONGRESSMAN DE LA GARZA MET WITH AID ADMINISTRATOR MCPHERSON AND AID MEXICO REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL TAYLOR.

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4. AT 1:40 P.M. DE LA GARZA MET WITH THE MEXICAN SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EDUARDO PESQUEIRA. TALKING POINTS INCLUDED A MARSHALL PLAN FOR MEXICO AND A REQUEST FROM THE GOM FOR 3,000 COLLAPSIBLE WATER CONTAINERS.

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5. AT 3:00 P.M. CONGRESSMAN DE LA GARZA MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, ANTONIO RIVA PALACIO, AT SENATE HEADQUARTERS. DE LA GARZA PRESENTED A PERSONAL CHECK FOR DOLS 1,000 TO BENEFIT VICTIMS OF THE EARTH-

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QUAKE.

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6. AT 4:30 P.M. DE LA GARZA HELD A PRIVATE MEETING WITH  
AMBASSADOR GAVIN.

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7. CONGRESSMAN DE LA GARZA ALSO DELIVERED A SHIPMENT OF  
MEDICAL SUPPLIES. (DRAFTED:POL:MLKRUGER) GAVIN

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DEPT PASS TO AID, BRYAN MOSS

E.O. 12356 NA  
TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, MX  
SUBJ: MEXICAN REQUEST FOR 20-40 U.S. HAM RADIO OPERATORS

REF: TELCON 2150 23 SEPTEMBER 85

MORE THAN ENOUGH VOLUNTEER BILINGUAL HAM OPERATORS  
ARE AVAILABLE IN MEXICO CITY TO MEET THE GOVERNMENT OF  
MEXICO'S REQUEST. IN A MEETING THIS MORNING, REPRESENTATIVE  
OF PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION AGREED THAT  
THEY HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH AVAILABLE SKILLED VOLUNTEERS;  
THAT IT IS UNNECESSARY TO GO TO THE EXPENSE TO BRING  
IN FOREIGN OPERATORS. CONSIDER THIS ISSUE CLOSED FOR  
NOW. GAVIN

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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX

SUBJECT: SITREP 48 - MEXICO EARTHQUAKE--MEETING OF UNITED  
NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION IN MEXICO  
CITY, SEPTEMBER 24

1. AT 10:00 AM THIS MORNING, THE COORDINATOR  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION  
(UNDRO), AMBASSADOR MOHAMMED ESSANI, HELD A MEETING  
OF VARIOUS REPRESENTIVES OF EMBASSIES AND PRIVATE  
ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF ACTIVITIES.  
HIS BASIC MESSAGE WAS THAT UNDRO IS READY TO TAKE OVER  
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COORDINATION FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL AID EFFORTS.  
HE REFERRED TO A BRAZILIAN RESOLUTION PENDING  
AT THE MOMENT BEFORE THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
WHICH WOULD ENDORSE SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT.  
HE UNDERScoreD THE FACT THAT MEXICAN HEALTH  
SECRETARY SOBERON HAD ALSO ENDORSED UNDRO'S  
PARTICIPATION AND HAD PROVIDED IT WITH THE LATEST LIST  
OF EMERGENCY SUPPLY NEEDS. HE MADE NO MENTION OF  
COOPERATION FROM THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY,  
NOTHE GOM'S LIAISON WITH THE U.N.

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2. ESSANI AND RESIDENT U.N. COORDINATOR, GUSTAVO SILVA ARANDA, FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT THEY STILL KNOW LITTLE ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE, THAT THEY ARE COMPLETELY DEPENDENT UPON GOM SOURCES FOR INFORMATION. THE FACTUAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE, ATTENDING STRICTLY AS AN OBSERVER, WAS NEW TO MOST PARTICIPANTS. THE FIRST STEP, THE UN OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED, WAS TO GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE PROBLEM. THEY COULD NOT EXPLAIN HOW THEY COULD CONDUCT A LEGITIMATE EVALUATION WITHOUT BRINGING IN NON-GOM SOURCES.

3. EXCEPT FOR THE U.S. OFFICER, NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAD A CLEAR IDEA OF THE PROBLEMS AT HAND. THE BRAZILIAN, ITALIAN, AND AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADORS ALL SUPPORTED THE NOTION OF UNDR0 INVOLVEMENT TO COORDINATE THEIR OWN RELATIVELY SMALL YET CONFUSED AID ACTIVITIES, ALTHOUGH THEY REMAINED WARY OF PASSING FINANCIAL DONATIONS THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. AMBASSADOR ESSANI HIMSELF WAS NOT FULLY AWARE OF THE PURPOSE OF MEXICO'S OWN NATIONAL RECOVERY TRUST FUND, TO WHICH MRS. REAGAN DEPOSITED ONE MILLION DOLLARS YESTERDAY.

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4. THE EMBASSY OFFICER REPORTED THE UNITED STATES'S EXTENSIVE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RELIEF EFFORTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING BILATERALLY WITH MEXICO AND WILL NOT USE UNDR0 IN ANY COORDINATING CAPACITY. HE SPECIFIED THE SHORT AND LONG TERM NEEDS WHICH WE ARE ANTICIPATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEM OF THE MOMENT, HE SAID, IS THE LACK OR SHORTAGE OF WATER WHICH NOW AFFECTS BETWEEN THREE AND FIVE MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE CAPITAL. WE ARE PROVIDING, FOR EXAMPLE, TRANSPORTS, TANKS, BARRELS, BUCKETS, AND PURIFICATION SUPPLIES.

5. ELSEWHERE, THE BUREAU OF MINES TV CREWS CONTINUES WORKING. YESTERDAY, AT THE NUEVO LEON APARTMENT SITE IN TLATELOLY USED THEIR SNAKE CAMERA TO REACH TWO LIVE PEOPLE WHO WERE STILL TRAPPED IN A TUNNEL. THEY PHOTOGRAPHED THE PEOPLE AND THEN USED THE CAMERA TO LOWER WATER THROUGH THE NARROW PASSAGE.

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6. TODAY, THE TEAM IS WORKING WITH ONE OF THE U.S. DOG TEAMS WITH THE HOPE OF CONTINUING TO FIND TRAPPED VICTIMS. THE JOINT TEAM, AS OF 10:00 AM, WAS WORKING AT AN APARTMENT BUILDING NOT FAR FROM

THE EMBASSY. THEY HAVE RECEIVED POSITIVE ALERTS FROM THE DOGS AND WERE ABOUT TO SEND IN THE TV CAMERA AT LAST REPORT.

7. THE SEISMIC TEAM ALSO CONTINUES TO INSPECT DAMAGED SITES. CONSISTING OF FOUR SPECIALISTS LARGELY FROM THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH AGENCY OF THE BUREAU OF MINES, THEY HAVE VISITED NINE

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SUBJECT: SITREP 48 - MEXICO EARTHQUAKE--MEETING OF UNITED

SITES. THEIR WORK LED TO THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED  
DISCOVERY OF TWO LIVE VICTIMS BY THE TV CREW.

8. THEY CONTINUE TO WORK WELL AND CLOSELY WITH  
THE SECRETARIA DE PROTECCION Y VIALIDAD. THE TEAM  
LEADER, IN FACT, WILL ATTEND A NEWS CONFERENCE  
GIVEN BY THAT AGENCY TODAY. THE TEAM WILL GO OUT  
AGAIN TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT. (DRAFTED: G.GARLAND)

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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX

SUBJECT: STATUS OF INDONESIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND  
- PROPERTY  
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REF: (A) JAKARTA 15764; (B) STATE 291817  
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EMBOFF CONTACTED CONSUL GDE PUTU ARTISME WHO SAID EMBASSY  
STAFF IS DOING FINE AS WELL AS INDONESIAN COMMUNITY IN  
MEXICO CITY. ARTISME SAID THAT EMBASSY PROPERTY HAD NOT  
BEEN DAMAGED AND THAT TELEX IS NOW FUNCTIONING. (DRAFTED:  
POL:MLKRUGER) GAVIN

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SUBJECT: SITREP 49 - MEXICO EARTHQUAKE: MEDIA REACTION-

- VISIT OF MRS. REAGAN; AMBASSADOR GAVIN'S PRESS
- CONFERENCE; UPDATED CASUALTY FIGURES

ALL MEXICO CITY DAILIES, RADIO AND TV NEWSCASTS  
GIVE PROMINENT AND HIGHLY POSITIVE COVERAGE TO MRS.  
REAGAN'S VISIT TO MEXICO, STRESSING THAT IT WAS A  
DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. SOLIDARITY WITH MEXICO TO  
OVERCOME THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK MEXICO CITY  
SEPT. 19. THE STORIES STRESS MRS. REAGAN'S REMARKS  
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UPON HER DEPARTURE HIGHLIGHTING HER ADMIRATION FOR THE  
COURAGE SHOWN BY THE MEXICAN PEOPLE AND FOR THE WAY IN  
WHICH THE U.S. AND MEXICAN PEOPLE ARE WORKING TOGETHER  
IN THE RESCUE OPERATIONS.

2. THE MEDIA STRESSES AMBASSADOR GAVIN'S REMARKS THAT  
THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES PRESENTED THE  
PRESIDENT OF MEXICO A CHECK FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS,  
AND THAT SHE BROUGHT A PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT  
REAGAN OFFERING ASSISTANCE THE UNITED STATES

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COULD GIVE MEXICO. SEVERAL OF THE DAILIES AS WELL AS THE TWO MAJOR TV NEWSCASTS MADE KNOWN THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER.

3. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRY A NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT TO MEXICO, AND THEIR STORIES STRESS THAT, ALONG WITH THE FIRST LADY OF MEXICO, SHE VISITED A KEY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY CHAIRED BY THE FIRST LADY OF MEXICO) SHELTER CENTER NEAR THE TLATELOLCO HOUSING UNIT, THAT SHE WAS PATENTLY MOVED BY THE VIEW OF THE COLLAPSED BUILDING THERE AND THE WORK BEING DONE AT THE SHELTER CENTER. THEY ALSO HIGHLIGHT THEIR VISIT TO THE MEXICAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL, STRESSING THAT BOTH FIRST LADIES HAD ENCOURAGING WORDS FOR THE PATIENTS, THE NURSES AND THE DOCTORS. SOME STORIES INDICATE THAT IN HER VISIT TO THE EMBASSY, MRS. REAGAN PRAISED THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE AMERICAN AND MEXICAN PERSONNEL IN ASSISTING AMERICAN CITIZENS IN MEXICO, AND ASSISTING IN THE U.S. RELIEF EFFORTS TO MEXICO.

4. SAMPLE HEADLINES AND A SUMMARY OF EDITORIAL COMMENTARIES FOLLOW: LA PRENSA (MASS CIRCULATION TABLOID): "ADMIRATION FOR MEXICO; NANCY REAGAN  
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IMPRESSED BY MEXICANS' EFFORTS TO 'HELP THEMSELVES.'"

- UNOMASUNO (NATIONALISTIC): "MEXICANS' SOLIDARITY MORE NOTORIOUS THAN DEVASTATION: NANCY REAGAN."
- EL HERALDO DE MEXICO (CONSERVATIVE): "NANCY REAGAN SURPRISED AND CONCERNED OVER MEXICO'S TRAGEDY; SHE LAMENTED THE CATASTROPHE AND PRAISED MEXICO'S RESILIENCY."
- NOVEDADES (MODERATE): "NANCY REAGAN TOURE DAMAGED AREA, AND CONVEYED U.S. SOLIDARITY TO THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT."
- EL SOL DE MEXICO (NATIONALISTIC): "REAGAN OFFERS SHORT AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO."
- EL NACIONAL (OFFICIAL): "U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFERS LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE."

5. LA PRENSA CARRIES AN EDITORIAL CALLING MRS. REAGAN A "DISTINGUISHED VISITOR... WHO WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BYMAGE CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE... SHE COULDN'T DO LESS THAN TO EXPRESS HER ADMIRATION FOR THE COURAGE AND RESILIENCY OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE IN FACING THIS TRAGEDY... SHE WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED AND TO BE AWARE OF THE SPIRIT OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE."

6. NOVEDADES'S EDITORIAL SAYS THAT MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT "TO BE WITH US AT THIS TIME OF GRIEF AND PAIN SHOWS AN ATTITUDE OF DEEP SYMPATHY THAT IS A SOURCE OF CONSOLATION. ALTHOUGH BRIEF, HER STAY IN MEXICO

DEMONSTRATES THE RESPECT AND SOLIDARITY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGEDY ON THE PART OF THE FIRST LADY, HER HUSBAND AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE... HER VISITS TO PLACES WHERE THOSE INJURED ARE BEING TREATED UNDOUBTEDLY INDICATE THAT SHE WANTED TO KNOW FIRST-HAND ABOUT OUR MOST PRESSING NEEDS IN ORDER TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ASSIST THOSE IN NEED."

7. EL SOL DE MEXICO CARRIES TWO EDITORIALS ON THE  
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SUBJECT: SITREP 49 - MEXICO EARTHQUAKE: MEDIA REACTION-

SUBJECT. THE FIRST ONE SAYS THAT "MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT  
WILL REMAIN FOR A LONG TIME IN THE MINDS OF THE  
INHABITANTS OF MEXICO CITY... IT IS A CONSEQUENCE OF  
THE DEEP RESPECT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." THE  
SECOND EDITORIAL DEALS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER  
TO MEXICAN PRESIDENT, MIGUEL DE LA MADRID. THE  
NEWSPAPER STRESSES THAT "NOBODY CAN IGNORE THE  
EXPEDITIOUS MANNER IN WHICH PRESIDENT REAGAN SENT  
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ENCOURAGING WORDS FOR THE MEXICAN PEOPLE... HE OFFERS  
U.S. ASSISTANCE,... AND SUCH OFFER IS FAR FROM MERELY  
FULFILLING A PROTOCOLARY GESTURE. THE MEXICAN  
GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID  
HAVE HAD DISAGREEMENTS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN, BUT THE  
U.S. PRESIDENT HOPES THAT ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO WILL  
ALSO COME FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY."

8. MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS

ALSO HI THE REMARKS BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO JOHN GAVIN TO THE EFFECT THAT USG ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO WILL CONTINUE, AND THAT "WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE NOW ON THE RESCUE EFFORTS" RATHER THAN ON SPECULATIONS ABOUT THE LONG TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE TRAGEDY.

9. TWO NEWSPAPERS QUOTE SECRETARY SHULTZ SAYING AT UNGA THAT NOBODY CAN QUESTION THE UNITED STATES' SOLIDARITY TOWARD MEXICO, AND THAT THE USG WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND EXPEDITIOUSLY TO MEXICO'S REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER EL NACIONAL CARRIES AN EDITORIAL PRAISING THIS ATTITUDE.

10. AS OF 0900 HOURS 09/24, THE OFFICIAL CASUALTY FIGURES ARE: 3,000 DEAD; 6,500 INJURED, 1,500 STILL TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLES, AND 30,000 HOMELESS. HOWEVER, THE NEWSPAPER EL UNIVERSAL SPECULATES THAT THERE ARE 350,000 HOMELESS PERSONS. MEXICO CITY'S GOVERNMENT INFORMED THAT REPAIR WORKS IN THE PIPELINES CARRYING POTABLE WATER WILL TAKE FROM EIGHT TO FIFTEEN DAYS.

11. THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, GUILLERMO SOBERON, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON 09/23 WITH SEVERAL MEDICAL EXPERTS -- INCLUDING TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PAN AMERICAN  
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HEALTH ORGANIZATION -- TO GIVE PRACTICAL ADVISE ON OVERALL HEALTH MEASURES THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN BY THE POPULATION. THE MEDICAL DOCTORS ALSO RULED OUT ANY DANGER OF EPIDEMICS, STRESSING THAT ALL THE NECESSARY PREVENTIVE MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN.

12. A NUMBER OF STORIES CONTINUE TO APPEAR IN THE MEXICAN MEDIA ON THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY OTHER NATIONS TO MEXICO, AND THE COOPERATION OF SPECIALIZED FOREIGN TEAMS IN THE RESCUE OPERATIONS. TWO NEWSPAPERS QUOTE THE CHAIRMAN OF A DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION SAYING THAT MEXICO'S SERVICE TO ITS DEBT SHOULD BE WAIVED FOR A YEAR, SO THAT THE MONEY CAN BE USED IN THE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS QUOTE THE SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT, MANUEL BARTLETT, SAYING THAT THEO NEED TO IMPOSE A CURFEW IN MEXICO CITY BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL AND THAT ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO CITY INHABITANTS BY THE LOCAL AND AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS CONTINUES TO FLOW WITHOUT OBSTACLES.  
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PER REFTELCON DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED THAT REVEREND LARRY JONES OF FEED THE CHILDREN AND THE LT GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA ARE PREPARED TO BRING SUPPLIES AND ELEVEN DOCTORS ABOARD AN OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD AIRCRAFT TO MEXICO CITY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27. THEY HAVE REQUESTED ASSURANCE THAT PLANE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LAND AND THAT GOM WOULD ACCEPT THE SUPPLIES AND THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ACCOMPANYING PHYSICIANS. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF GOM WILLING TO ACCEPT THIS OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP: SITREP NO 13  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 1800 EDT SEPTEMBER 23, 19851. AS OF 1800 EDT SEPTEMBER 23 THE NUMBER OF KNOWN US  
CITIZEN EARTHQUAKE-RELATED DEATHS REMAINS AT FIVE. SOME  
HOTELS AND COLLAPSED BUILDINGS REMAIN UNEXCAVATED.  
RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE, WITH ADDITIONAL  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF TEAMS AND EQUIPMENT ARRIVING TODAY.  
VOLUME OF CALLS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S MEXICO  
EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP REMAINS VERY HEAVY.

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2. THE FIRST LADY'S BRIEF VISIT TO MEXICO WENT EXTREMELY WELL. UPON HER ARRIVAL IN MEXICO, MRS. REAGAN WAS MET BY THE WIFE OF THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER. THE FIRST LADY VISITED A SHELTER AND A HOSPITAL, VIEWED DESTROYED AREAS AND VISITED THE US EMBASSY AND ADDRESSED THE STAFF THERE. MRS. REAGAN IS NOW EN ROUTE BACK TO THE US.

3. EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE EARTHQUAKE AND ITS AFTERMATH CONTINUES. INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORTS FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE REPORTS. THESE EFFORTS INCLUDE, INTER ALIA:

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 ,ARTHQUAKE  
 --CANADA: AT LEAST \$7 ,  
 RELIEF;  
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 --DENMARK: ABOUT \$100,00  
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DOGS;

--ISRAEL: AIRCRAFT SENT WITH RELIEF SUPPLIES AND PERSONNEL;

--ITALY: AIRCRAFT TO MEXICO WITH 30 TONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES;

--JAPAN: \$2,500,000 CASH GRANT TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

4. THE USG IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WHICH INCLUDES CASH CONTRIBUTIONS, RELIEF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS, LOAN OF SPECIAL HELICOPTERS FOR FIREFIGHTING, DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAMS AND MORE. THUS FAR USG ASSISTANCE HAS CONCENTRATED ON IMMEDIATE RESCUE NEEDS.

5. PRIVATE ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO IS VARIED AND EXTENSIVE. MUCH PRIVATE ASSISTANCE IS COORDINATED OR CHANNLED THROUGH RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES AND OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

6. MINIMIZE HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH US EMBASSY MEXICO AT THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO FROM THE  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

REF: DEUKMEJIAN/GAVIN TELCON SEPT. 23

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR FORWARDING THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO  
PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1985:

BEGIN TEXT  
HON. MIGUEL DE LA MADRID  
PRESIDENT OF MEXICO  
RESIDENCE OF LOS PINOS  
D. F. MEXICO

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF ALL CALIFORNIANS, I EXTEND OUR DEEPEST  
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SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO DURING THIS TIME  
OF CRISIS CAUSED BY YESTERDAY'S TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE. OUR  
HISTORY, PEOPLE, AND CLOSE PROXIMITY BIND US IN A  
PERSONAL BOND OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONCERN, AND WE SHARE THE  
PAIN AND SORROW YOU ARE EXPERIENCING.

AS A STATE THAT FACES SIMILAR PERIL, WE ARE PARTICULARLY  
SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF A COMMUNITY AND ITS PEOPLE  
FOLLOWING A NATURAL DISASTER, AND CALIFORNIA STANDS READY

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TO OFFER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WE CAN TO HELP MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THIS CALAMITY.

I ALREADY HAVE ASKED CALIFORNIANS TO OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO THOSE IN NEED AND, IF ABLE, TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RED CROSS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE PREPARING EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IS PREPARED TO SEND ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS IN FORCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO AND THE STATES OF CALIFORNIA AND BAJA CALIFORNIA.

WE NOT ONLY GRIEVE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES, BUT WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED. IF WE CAN BE OF HELP, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET US KNOW.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN  
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(AIRLIFT CONTROL ELEMENT ALCE DOLS. 30,000)

REF: A. DOD DIRECTIVE 5100.46 FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF.  
B.DAO, MEXICO REQST.

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO HAS REQUESTED URGENTLY NEEDED USG ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE RELIEF PROGRAM.
2. THE FOLLWING DAO SUPPORT IS REQUIRED TO MEET THIS URGENT REQUEST FOR LIFESUPPORT COMMODITIES.

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3. REQUEST AIRLIFT TO MEXICO CITY OF:

1 EACH ALCE (AIRLIFT CONTROL ELEMENT) WITH CARGO HANDLERS, OPS COORDINATOR, MAINTENANCE, AND TURN-AROUND CREW PERSONNEL FOR A 10 DAY TDY PERIOD. TOTAL OF 17 PERSONNEL TDY (DOLS. 30,000)

4. THIS IS URGENT AND IMPORTANT TO US FOREIGN AND HUMANITARIAN POLICY INTERESTS. NO COMMERCIAL CARRIER IS AVAILABLE IN THE TIME FRAME REQUIRED.

5. DIRECT LIAISON IS AUTHORIZED WITH US EMBASSY IN MEXICO FOR AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES AND OFF LOADING PURPOSES. CONTACTS: SAM TAYLOR, AID OFFICER, US EMBASSY, MEXICO, PHONE 2110042, AID/OFDA CAN BE REACHED AT 202-632-9784 ON A 24-HOUR BASIS.

6. A TOTAL OF DOLS. 30,000 IS BEING OBLIGATED TO COVER ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REQUEST. PLEASE CHANGE FOLLOWING FUND CITE:

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7. PLEASE BILL AID ON SFS 1080/81. SEND BILL(S) TO AID, FM/PAFD/CMAB, ROOM 623, SA-12, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523.

8. DOD FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR CONCURS.

9. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP: SITREP NO 14  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 0500 EDT SEPTEMBER 24, 1985

1. MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT TO MEXICO WAS A COMPASSIONATE  
GESTURE APPRECIATED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. DE LA MADRID  
AND THE MEXICANS SHE ENCOUNTERED. OFTEN PRESSED BY  
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CROWDS AT SITES SHE VISITED, SHE WAS BESET BY FRIENDSHIP  
AND INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.  
VISIBLY MOVED BY THE SUFFERING SHE ENCOUNTERED, THE FIRST  
LADY NEVERTHELESS COMMUNICATED HER CONCERN WITH DIGNITY  
AND COMPASSION. IN ADDITION TO THE ACTIVITIES PREVIOUSLY  
REPORTED, SHE PRESENTED TO MRS. DE LA MADRID A CHECK OF  
ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

2. THE MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP, AT THE REQUEST  
OF GOVERNOR DUEKMEJIAN OF CALIFORNIA PATCHED A COMMERCIAL

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TELEPHONE/TACSAT CALL TO AMBASSADOR GAVIN ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 23. LATER IN THE EVENING, THE MEWG ARRANGED A SIMILAR PATCHNATOR PETE WILSON (R-CALIFORNIA). BOTH GOVERNOR DEUKMEJIAN AND SENATOR WILSON ASKED THE

AMBASSADOR'S ADVICE REGARDING THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

3. CONGRESSMAN KIKA DE LA GARZA (D-TEXAS) VISITED ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND MET WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ON EARTHQUAKE-RELATED MATTERS. GOM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EDUARDO PESQUEIRA TOLD CONGRESSMAN DE LE GARZA THAT THERE ARE 1.3 MILLION PERSONS WITHOUT WATER IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN SUBURBS.

4. THE EMBASSY NOW CONFIRMS SIX KNOWN AMERICAN DEAD AND 14 PROBABLE, 11 OF WHICH WERE FROM THE ST. REGIS HOTEL.

5. THE NUMBER OF INCOMING CONSULAR CALLS HAS CONTINUED TO DECREASE DURING THE EVENING SHIFTS.

6. A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23 OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT THE EMBASSY CONCLUDED THAT DISTRIBUTION OF GOOD WATER TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFFECTED AREAS IS A SPECIAL PROBLEM, SHELTER IS PLENTIFUL AND UNDER UTILIZED, AND FOOD IS NOT NEEDED.

7. U.S. SEISMIC AND CAMERA TEAMS, USING SOUNDING EQUIPMENT AND A "SNAKE" CAMERA, IDENTIFIED THE PRECISE LOCATION OF A COUPLE BURIED DEEP IN THE RUBBLE OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING. THE CAMERA ALSO WAS USED TO LOWER A WATER-SOAKED SWATCH OF COTTON TO THEM. RESCUE EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL.

8. U.S. DOG RESCUE TEAMS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DETECTING NINE SEPARATE LOCATIONS WHERE SURVIVORS ARE LIKELY TO BE FOUND. THEY ALSO UNCOVERED NUMEROUS CORPSES AMIDST THE RUBBLE OF COLLAPSED BUILDINGS.

9. PRESS REPORTS FROM MEXICO INDICATE THAT SOME 18 NATIONS HAVE SENT RESCUE PERSONNEL AND/OR EQUIPMENT OR PROVISIONS, INCLUDING U.S., FRENCH, BRITISH AND CUBAN TEAMS.

10. EMBASSY MEXICO HAS ASKED FOR SIX ADDITIONAL AMERICAN SECRETARIES FOR TDY DUTY.

11. THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ADDED AN AGENDA ITEM ON "INTERNATIONAL RELIEF TO MEXICO" AND, ON SEPTEMBER 24, WILL CONSIDER A DRAFT RESOLUTION, INTRODUCED BY BRAZILARDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION.

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SUPPORT FOR MEXICO

1. SUMMARY. THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION, IN ITS FIRST ACTION UPON CONVENING ON SEPTEMBER 23, ENGAGED IN A LENGTHY OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY FOR THE MEXICAN PEOPLE IN THE WAKE OF THEIR TRAGEDY. DR. JAMES O. MASON, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, DHHS, REITERATED THE USG OFFER OF ASSISTANCE.

2. THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES TO JOI IN THE ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO AND  
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ASKING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO GIVE MEXICO SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING REGARDING ITSEECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. MEXICAN HEALTH OFFICIAL QUIJANO DESCRIBED THE MEXICAN NEEDS, AND PAHO ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWING THE MEETIG TO PUBLICIZE HIS STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

3. THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, DR. JEANNE BROUELLE OF FRANCE, OPENED THE MEETING BY EXPRESSING HER DEEP CONCERN FOR THE PLIGHT OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE. DR.

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KENNETH BAUGH, HEALTH MINISTER OF JAMAICA, REITERATED THIS CONCERN UPON BEING ELECTED TO THE FORMAL PRESIDENCY FOR THIS SESSION. SOON JOINED BY EVERY OTHER DELEGATION PRESENT.

4. TWENTY-SIX COUNTRIES SPOKE. BRAZIL MINISTER SANTANNA SAID THAT HIS PRESIDENT WOULD TRAVEL TO MEXICO TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID. CUBAN HEALTH OFFICIAL MENCHACA TOLD HOW HIS DELEGATION HAD TRAVELED THROUGH MEXICO EN ROUTE TO THE MEETING AND HAD WITNESSED THE SAD OCCURRENCES THERE. US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH MASON STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATION OF THE RELIEF EFFORTS AND OFFERED U.S. ASSISTANCE.

5. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS RECALLED THE HOSPITALITY OF MEXICO AT THE RECENT UN POPULATION CONFERENCE, AND SEVERAL (IN PARTICULAR DOMINICA AND PERU) RECALLED THEIR OWN DISASTERS IN RECENT TIMES WHEN OTHER STATES HAD COME TO THEIR AID. THE UK DELEGATE PRAISED THE MEXICAN OFFICIALS FOR THEIR ABILITIES TO ORGANIZE PUBLIC SERVICES AND TO TAKE STEPS TO CONTROL DISEASE AND PUBLIC ORDER, WHICH HE SAID WAS A GREAT CREDIT TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. SEVERAL CALLED

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FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE CRISIS.

6. DR. MANUEL QUIJANO, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH, THANKED THE DELEGATES FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND DESCRIBED MEXICO'S NEEDS IN THE HEALTH FIELD. (TEXT OF PAHO PRESS RELEASE BELOW.) HE SAID IT WAS PRESUMED THAT AT LEAST 3,000 PEOPLE WERE DEAD, 50 BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND 200 BADLY DAMAGED, AND THAT SOURCES OF EMPLOYMENT WERE LOST FOR MANY PEOPLE. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT TWO LARGE HOSPITALS HAD COLLAPSED AND SEVEN OTHERS SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED.

7. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH USDEL, QUIJANO LAMENTED THE RUMOR THAT HAD RECEIVED WIDE CURRENCY IN THE PRESS, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MEXICANS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE, TOO PROUD TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE UNTIL THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DISASTER FORCED THEM TO DO SO. THAT HAD NEVER BEEN THE CASE, QUIJANO SAID. THE FACT WAS THAT THENS FOUND THEMSELVES QUITE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT OF THE TRAGEDY. THEY FOUND OR MADE ROOM IN HOSPITALS FOR THE INJURED. MEDICINES WERE AVAILABLE. NO LARGE INPUTS OF DOCTORS OR NURSES WERE NEEDED. HOWEVER, WHERE MEXICO WILL - NEED INTERNATIONAL HELP, AT LEAST IN THE HEALTH SECTOR, IS IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITALS AND THE RESUPPLY OF THE HOSPITALS WITH EQUIPMENT, MUCH OF IT HIGH-TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT THAT CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED ABROAD

THROUGH PURCHASES WITH FOREIGN CURRENCY.

8. TEXT OF STATEMENT BY DHHS ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES O. MASON: "MR. CHAIRMAN, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. IN ADDITION, MY DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY EXPRESS ITS SYMPATHY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AND TO REITERATE OUR READINESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE DISASTER. WE

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RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE IN A DISASTER SITUATION AND THE NEED TO HAVE TIME TO ASSESS REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE FURTHER ASSISTANCE WHEN IT IS REQUESTED."

9. TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE DIRECTING COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 23:

THE XXXI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

HAVING LEARNED WITH DEEP SORROW OF THE CATASTROPHE THAT HAS OVERTAKEN THE UNITED STATES OF MEXICO, WHERE A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE HAS CAUSED TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AND HEAVY MATERIAL DAMAGE, RESOLVES:

1. TO EXPRESS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO ITS DEEP SORROW AT THE TRAGEDY WHICH HAS BEFALLEN THE COUNTRY.

- 2. TO CONVEY TO THE VICTIMS' FAMILIES, TO ALL THE MEXICAN PEOPLE AND TO THE AUTHORITIES, A MESSAGE EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY SHARED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

- 3. TO URGE ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF MEXICO, NOT ONLY TO THE IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISASTER BUT ESPECIALLY TO THE EFFORT OF RECONSTRUCTION.

4. TO URGE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, TAKING INTO

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ACCOUNT THIS TRAGEDY, TO GIVE SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT TO THE UNITED STATES OF MEXICO, ESPECIALLY

REGARDING ITS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

"- 5. TO REQUEST THE DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE EVERY  
ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE MEANS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

10. TEXT OF PAHO PRESS RELEASE:

WASHINGTON, D.C. - AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE  
DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION,  
THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY  
OF HEALTH OF MEXICO, DR. MANUEL QUIJANO, OUTLIED MEXICO'S  
PRIORITIES REGARDING MEDICAL AND HEALTH NEEDS RESULTING  
FROM MEXICO'S RECENT DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE.

IN RESPONSE TO THE MANY OFFERS OF SERVICES BY DOCTORS,  
NURSES AND TECHNICIANS, DR. QUIJANO EXPRESSED MEXICO'S  
PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE OVERWHELMING SOLIDARITY  
EXPRESSED BY THESE AND OTHER GROUPS. HOWEVER, NOW THAT  
THE CRITICAL CARE PHASE IS OVER, SAID DR. QUIJANO,  
MEXICO'S MEDICAL NEEDS LIE IN OTHER AREAS.

ACCORDING TO DR. QUIJANO, THE MOST PRESSING NEED IS FOR  
EQUIPMENT FOR 10 HOSPITALS, ESPECIALLY FOR OPERATING  
ROOMS, MATERNITY WARDS, RECOVERY ROOMS, OXYGEN THERAPY,  
INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, LABORATORIES AND ORTHOPEDIC  
REHABILITATION WARDS.

IN ADDITION, MANY SUPPLIES WILL BE NEEDED TO REPLACE THOSE  
THAT HAVE BEEN LOST DURING THE EARTHQUAKE OR USED UP IN  
THE ENSURING EMERGENCY.

AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT ARE SUTURE MATERIALS, INTRAVENOUS  
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EQUIPMENT FOR INSTRUMD WATER, MECHANICAL TOOLS FOR  
THE REPAIR OF DAMAGED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SURGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS, CHEMICALS AND REAGENTS, REFRIGERATION AND  
COLD CHAIN EQUIPMENT.

FORTUNATELY, MEXICO HAS BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT IN THE  
PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND VACCINES SO THAT IT HAS  
NO SHORTAGES IN THIS AREA.

IN CLOSE, DR. QUIJANO THANKED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AMERICAS AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,  
FOR THE HELP THEY HAVE SHOWN IN RESPONDING TO THE TRAGEDY  
THAT STRUCK MEXICO.  
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TAGS: SOPN  
SUBJECT: ARA NEWS ITEMS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1985

1. PRESS SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1985:

NEW YORK TIMES --

MEXICO: UPI/MEXICO CITY, 9/23, FRONT PAGE ("RESCUE  
EFFORTS, AND BURIALS, CONTINUE IN MEXICO"): "WORKERS DUG  
UP OLD GRAVES TODAY TO MAKE WAY FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS AS  
MEXICO CITY STRUGGLED TO RETURN TO SOME SEMBLANCE OF  
NORMALITY."

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JOSEPH B. TREASTER, P. 10 FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/23  
("MEDICAL STUDENT FREED; TRAPPED FOR FOUR DAYS") WRITES  
ON RESCUE EFFORTS.

BOX, SAME PAGE: ("GOUPS TAKING AID DONATIONS").

UPI/MEXICO CITY BRIEF, SAME PAGE: ("FAMOUS TENOR LOOKS  
FOR KIN AMID RUBBLE").

SANJOY HAZARIKIA, P. 11: ("MEXICAN OFFICIAL ASSURES  
VISITORS; CABINET MEMBER SAYS TOURISTS NEED NOT CANCEL  
TRIPS").

AP/MEXICO CITY, 9/23, SAME PAGE ("NANCY FLIES TO  
MEXICO WITH A \$1 MILLION 'DOWN PAYMENT' ON AMERICAN  
AID"); NANCY REAGAN VISITED SURVIVORS OF THE EARTHQUAKE  
DISASTER TODAY, DELIVERING A LETTER OF SYMPATHY FROM HER  
HUSBAND AND A \$1 MILLION 'DOWN PAYMENT' ON USG DISASTER  
AID TO MEXICO."

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BEN A. FRANKLIN, SAME PAGE FROM WASHINGTON, 9/23  
("FINANCIAL AID STRESSED") REPORTS APPEALS FOR MONEY TO  
REBUILD HOSPITALS.

BRAZIL/PERU/UN: P. 12 SPECIAL/UN, 9/23 ("FROM QUAKE  
RELIEF TO DEBT, UN SPEAKERS OPEN DEBATE"): "...PRES.  
GARCIA, IN AN IMPASSIONED SPEECH, THREATENED TO PULL HIS  
COUNTRY OUT OF THE IMF IF CHANGES WERE NOT MADE TO EASE  
THE REPAYMENT OF HIS COUNTRY'S DEBT.

"PRES. SARNEY, WHO OPENED THE DEBATE, AND OTHER LATIN  
AMERICAN SPEAKERS ALSO CALLED FOR URGENT ACTION BY  
LEADERS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO HELP RESOLVE THE  
FOREIGN DEBT CRISIS."

CHILE: LYDIA CHAVEZ, P. 2 FROM SANTIAGO ("CHILEANS HAIL  
JUDGE, THEIR DIFFIDENT DRAGONSLAYER") PROFILES JUDGE  
JOSE CANOVAS ROBLES, WHO IS LEADING THE INQUIRY INTO THE  
KILLING OF THREE COMMUNISTS IN MARCH.

GUATEMALA: P. 7 BRIEF ("RIGHTS GROUP FAULTS U.S. ON  
GUATEMALA SITUATION") NOTES THE AMERICAS WATCH REPORT  
WHICH CRITICIZES THE USG FOR FAILING TO ACKNOWLEDGE MAJOR  
ABUSES OF THE MEJIA GOVERNMENT. BRIEF QUOTES GREGORY  
LAGANA. "REFERRING TO AMERICAS WATCH AS 'LESS A  
HUMAN-RIGHTS ORGANIZATION THAN IT IS A POLITICAL ONE,'  
SAYING WASHINGTON HAD DONE MUCH TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS  
IN GUATEMALA."

MEXICO: FLORA LEWIS COLUMN, P. 31 FROM LOS ANGELES  
("MEXICO'S DEEPER DISTRESS; BESIDES THE QUAKE, IT HAS  
LONGTERM ILLS THAT IMPINGE ON THE US") NOTES LONG-TERM

MEXICAN PROBLEMS: THE FOREIGN DEBT, POLITICAL MISMANAGEMENT, CORRUPTION, THE HIGH BIRTH RATE, THE GROWTH OF MEXICO CITY.

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"THESE ARE LEADERSHIP FAILINGS THAT HAVE TO BE REDRESSED IF MEXICO BECOME ABLE TO DEAL WITH ITS PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF SHIPPING THEM NORTH, AS PEOPLE HERE SEE IT... THESE ARE UGLY ISSUES TO RAISE AT A TIME OF GREAT

SORROW. MEXICO DESERVES HELP. IF THE COLOSSAL PHYSICAL RENEWAL THAT IS GOING TO BE REQUIRED CAN ALSO BRING ABOUT A RENEWAL OF SPIRIT AND APPROACH TO ITS ENDEMIC PROBLEMS, THE DEEP SHOCK MAY BRING A BETTER SENSE OF HOW TO PROCEED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER."

WASHINGTON POST "-

MEXICO: EDWARD CODY, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/23 ("MEXICO STARTS ROAD TO RECONSTRUCTION; TOLL OF MISSING OR DEAD IS PUT AT 7000"): "AS MEXICAN POLICE PUT THE TOLL OF DEAD OR MISSING AT MORE THAN 7000, DEMOLITION TEAMS TODAY BEGAN SURVEYING EARTHQUAKE-DAMAGED BUILDINGS, AND RESCUE WORKERS SPRAYED DISINFECTANT ON PILES OF RUBBLE THAT COULD CONTAIN DECAYING BODIES."

WILLIAM ORME, SAME PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/23 ("MEXICO MAY HAVE TO SEEK NEW LOANS"). THE EARTHQUAKE "COULD FORCE THE COUNTRY TO SEEK BILLIONS IN RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS AND INTEREST RELIEF FROM INTERNATIONAL CREDITORS AT A TIME WHEN BANKS ALREADY ARE RELUCTANT TO ADD NEW LOANS TO THE \$96 BILLION CURRENTLY OWED ACCORDING TO BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS."

LIONEL BARBER, P. 24 ("FUNDS URGED FOR QUAKE VICTIMS; DONORS ASKED TO GIVE MONEY, NOT CLOG SUPPLY LINE WITH GOODS") INCLUDES BOX: ("WHERE TO SEND DONATIONS").

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DONNIE RADCLIFFE, #STYLE" P. B1: ("FIRST LADY AMID THE RUBBLE; IN MEXICO CITY, SHE PRESENTS \$1 MILLION TO HELP IN REBUILDING").

NICARAGUA: JOANNE OMANG, P. 17 FROM MANAGUA ( CENSORED NEWS CLOSELY READ; LA PRENSA DELIVERS WHAT MANAGUA'S CENSOR TRIMS): "THE MOST CLOSELY READ NEWS STORIES ILN TOWN ARE THE ONES IN SMALL ROLLS OF PHOTOCOPIES THAT CIRCULATE HERE TO DIPLOMATS, JOURNALISTS, POLITICAL LEADERS AND A FEW OTHERS AS LATE AS 2 OR 3 WEEKS AFTER THEY ARE WRITTEN. THEY ARE THE

ARTICLES CENSORED DAILY FPrensa, NICARAGUA'S SOLE  
REMAINING OPPOSITION VOICE.

#...THE SANDINISTAS DEFEND CENSORSHIP AS ESSENTIAL WHILE  
THEY ARE FIGHTING OFF THE ATTACKS OF US-BACKED  
REBELS.... ALTHOUGH ONLY MILITARY INFORMATION IS  
OFFICIALLY SUBJECT TO THE KNIFE, A RECENT SAMPLE OF  
EXCISED ITEMS RANGED FROM PRAISE FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR  
TO ACCOUNTS OF PLANTAIN SHORTAGES AND AN ACCOUNT OF A  
CUBAN YOUTH HAVING TOSSED A GRENADE INTO A CROWDED DANCE  
HALL..."

LOCAL EDITOR HORACIO ORTIZ JR "SAID THE AUTHORITIES HAVE  
STOPPED CENSORING SPORTS STORIES WHERE EASTERN BLOC TEAMS  
LOSE, AND FOREIGN NEWS IS NO LONGER AFFECTED, EVEN ITEMS  
ABOUT LABOR TROUBLES IN POLAND OR INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM  
OF CUBA THAT USED TO BE CUT.

"IN LOCAL AFFAIRS, HOWEVER, LA PRENSA LOSES 10 TO 90 PCT  
OF ITS STORIES...." ON THE OTHER HAND, CRITICS SAY LA  
PRENSA ITSELF ELIMINATES STORIES THAT WOULD BE NEWS  
ELSEWHERE, SUCH AS SANDINISTA RALLIES AND CHARGES OF  
CONTRA ATROCITIES.

EL SALVADOR: P. 26 BRIEF NOTES GUERRILLAS' BLOWING UP OF  
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POWER PYLONS.

CHILE: SAME COLUMN NOTES THAT A COURT HAS ORDERED THE  
ARREST OF TWO UNION LEADERS.

WALL STREET JOURNAL --

MEXICO: FRONT PAGE BRIEF LEADS TO P. 33 MARY WILLIAMS  
WALSH FROM MEXICO CITY ("DE LA MADRID'S HANDLING OF  
CRISIS IN MEXICO TO TEST HIS EFFECTIVENESS"): "...IN  
SOME OF THE TUMBLED BUILDINGS, THE STEEL SUPPORTING RODS  
ARE SO SLENDER THEY LOOK LIKE PILES OF BOILED SPAGHETTI.  
THIS IS A NATION WHERE CITIZENS JUST ASSUME AUTHORITIES  
ARE CORRUPT, AND SIGHTS LIKE THESE MAKE THEM ASSUME THE  
WORST ABOUT BUILDING INSPECTORS AND CONTRACTORS."

MEXICO: MICHAEL R. SESIT, P. 48 ("MEXICO IS LIKELY TO  
PROCEED WITH OFFER OF YEN BONDS IN JAPAN, BANKERS  
PREDICT"): "DESPITE THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES...,  
JAPANESE BANKERS PREDICT THAT MEXICO'S STATE OIL COMPANY  
WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH A PRIVATE YEN-DENOMINATED  
BOND G EQUIVALENT TO \$44.1 MILLION."

EL SALVADOR: FRONT-PAGE BRIEF NOTES GUERRILLA  
WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS TRADING DUARTE'S KIDNAPPED  
DAUGHTER FOR JAILED REBELS.



DEBT: ART PINE, P. 32 FROM WASHINGTON ("REAGAN AIDES DRAFT LATIN DEBT INITIATIVES") REPORTS A NEW APPROACH THAT MAY SURFACE AT THE IMF AND WORLD BANK MEETING IN SEOUL NEXT MONTH.

"THE US ISN'T ABANDONING ITS 'CASEBYCASE' APPROACH TO  
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THE DEBT PROBLEM, BUT IT WILL SEEK INTERNATIONAL BACKING

FOR SEVERAL NEW MEASURES DESIGNED TO EASE THE LATIN COUNTRY'S GROWING CASH-FLOW PROBLEMS, BOTH BY PROVIDING THEM WITH ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL LONGER-TERM WORLD BANK LOANS AND BY LAUNCHING NEW PROGRAMS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING COMMERCIAL BANKS TO INCREASE THEIR OWN LENDING TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. OFFICIALS ALSO ARE TRYING TO FIND WAYS FOR THE DEBTOR COUNTRIES TO STRETCH OUT THEIR INTEREST PAYMENTS TO PRIVATE BANKS WITHOUT VIOLATING CURRENT BANK REGULATORY RULES OR ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES."

DEBT: S. KARENE WITCHER, SAME PAGE FROM NEW YORK ("LATIN COUNTRIES TAKE BOLDER STANCE ON DEBT PROBLEM") REPORTS THE SARNEY AND GARCIA SPEECHES AT THE UNGA OPENING. "...MR. SARNEY TOLD A BREAKFAST MEETING OF REPORTERS THAT DEBT NEGOTIATIONS 'MUST BE TAKEN UP NOW. THE TIME HAS COME.'

#HIS UN SPEECH WAS FOLLOWED LATER IN THE DAY BY MORE RADICAL STATEMENTS BY PERUVIAN PRES. ALAN GARCIA, WHO THREATENED THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL WITHDRAW AS A MEMBER OF THE 148-MEMBER IMF IF DEMANDS FOR INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CHANGES AREN'T HEEDDED."

EL SALVADOR: CLIFFORD KRAUSS, SAME PAGE FROM SAN SALVADOR ("RADICAL UNIONS REVIVE IN SALVADOR AS DUARTE OPENS POLITICAL SYSTEM") WRITES ON MARCHES BY RADICAL UNIONS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN UNTHINKABLE THREE YEARS AGO.

"BUT TIMES ARE CHANGING. THE GOVERNMENT IS WINNING THE WAR WITH US ASSISTANCE, AND THE LEFT IS DIGGING IN FOR THE LONG HAUL. THE ECO IN A MESS, AND REAL WAGES ARE DECLINING. PRES. JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE IS TRYING TO OPEN UP THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL SYSTEM. DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY HAS TAILED OFF.  
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GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST WITHOUT SUFFERING HIGH CASUALTIES, THE RADICAL LABOR MOVEMENT IS BACK AT THE BARRICADES, STRIKING AND PROTESTING IN A WAY UNSEEN SINCE THE 1970S."

BALTIMORE SUN -

MEXICO: JAMES BOCK AND DOUG STRUCK, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY: ("MEXICANS TURN TO REBUILDING AND REFLECTION").

DEBT: GILBERT A. LEWTHWAITE, P. 2 FROM THE UN: ("2 LATIN LEADRS TELL SEVERITY OF DEBT IMPACT"): "BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT WARNED YESTERDAY OF A 'SOCIAL CAULDRON,' AND

PERU'S LEADER CALLED IT 'A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY.'"

MEXICO: LEAD EDIT, P. 8 ("HELPING MEXICO");  
"...MEXICO'S MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS MUST CALL THE SHOTS THROUGHOUT. NEITHER THE COMPETENCE NOR THE GOODWILL OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS IN QUESTION. AND THE MEXICAN HUMAN RESPONSE HAS BEEN INSPIRING, WITH FAR MORE SHARING AND SACRIFICE AND LESS SELFISHNESS AND SOCIAL BREAKDOWN THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN PREDICTED. THE RED CROSS, CARE AND OTHER AGENCIES WELL-RACITCED IN EMERGENCY RELIEF ARE STANDING BY TO PROVIDE WHAT THE MEXICANS SEEK. THEY ARE WORTHY RECIPIENTS FOR THE MONEY OF PEOPLE WHO WISH TO HELP. THE STATE DEPT'S REQUEST THAT AMERICANS ABIDE BY OFFICIAL MEXICAN WISHES MAKES CRUCIAL SENSE. THIS IS NO TIME TO OVERLOAD MEXICO'S OVEREXTENDED TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND HOSPITALITY FACILITIES WITH  
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INAPPROPRIATE HELP.

A NATIONAL CATASTROPHE HAS BEFALLEN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR NATIONS THAT ADJOINS OUR OWN. AMERICAN GENEROSITY WILL NOT BE LACKING. THE CHALLENGE IS TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

MEXICO: MARSHALL INGWERSON, FRONT PAGE FROM LOS ANGELES ("CO ASSESSES ITS EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AND BEGINS TO EBUILD, GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS AROUND THE WORLD ARE MOVING QUICKLY TO LEND A HAND: RESPONSE TO MEXICO'S NEED SWIFT AND FROM THE HEART").

LUCY COOPER, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY: ("MEXICO TURNS ENERGIES TO SURVIVORS, REBUILDING").

NICARAGUA: P. 2 BRIEF ("WHITE HOUSE IGNORES REQUEST FOR DATA ON 'CONTRA' CONTACTS"): "THE WH IS IGNORING A CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR INTERNAL PAPERS ON CONTACTS BETWEEN A (NSC) MILITARY ADVISER AND NICARAGUAN 'CONTRA' REBELS DURING A BAN ON AIDING THEIR WAR EFFORT, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAY," CITING EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE.

USA TODAY --

MEXICO: FRONT PAGE SPECIAL: ("MEXICO OVERWHELMS FIRST LADY").

P. 6 CARRIES 7 QUAKE STORIES UNDER HEAD: ("AFTERMATH OF MEXICO QUAKE: QUAKE VICTIMS BURIED, MANY IN MASS

GRAVES").

ERIC BRAZIL, FROM IXTAPALAPA: ("SO MUCH WORK... UNCLASSIFIED

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SADNESS").

GREGORY KATE FROM MEXICO CITY: ("MEDICAL SITUATION 'UNDER CONTROL'").

SPECIAL/MEXICO CITY: ("MAN TELLS OF 4-DAY BURIAL").

SPECIAL BOX: ("RELIEF TELETHON TO AIR SUNDAY").

PETER JOHNSON: ("SCIENTIST SAYS DISASTER SUPPORTS 'GAP' THEORY").

SPECIAL: ("CALIFORNIA VIEWS QUAKE WITH SENSE OF FOREBODING").

BOX ("USA SURVIVOR") NOTES AMCIT'S ESCAPE FROM THE HOTEL REGIS.

WASHINGTON TIMES

MEXICO: JAMES MORRISON, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY: (MRS. REAGAN TAKES U.S. AID TO MEXICANS").

LEAD EDIT, P. 9 ("MONEY FOR MEXICO"): "...AMERICANS MUST BE SENSITIVE TO MEXICAN SELF-ESTEEM, BUT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, BY INSTITUTIONALIZING CORRUPTION, HAS FORFEITED THE PRIVILEGE OF CONTROLLING FOREIGN RELIEF. IF AMERICANS PAY THE PIPER, THEY SHOULD DIRECT AID TOWARD LOCAL, PRIVATE REBUILDING FIRMS, CIRCUMVENTING POSSIBLY INEFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS."

NICARAGUA: DANIEL FITZSIMMONS, P. 3D: ("AINISTA MOMENTUM"). UNCLASSIFIED

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2. HIGHLIGHTS OF TV NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS, SEPTEMBER 23, 1985:

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN PRESS REPORTS ON IMF CREDIT FOR  
EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION

REF: (A) MEXICO 19658; (B) MULLER/REILLY TELECON 9/23/85

1. (U) AT THE G-5 FINANCE MINISTER'S MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, THE SUBJECT OF MEXICO AROSE BRIEFLY AND IMF DISASTER ASSISTANCE WAS MENTIONED. AT THE SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE THE MINISTERS INDICATED THAT THE FIVE WOULD ASK THEIR EDS TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMF PROVIDING DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

2. (U) IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR DELAROSIERE SENT A TELEX LAST FRIDAY TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES, EXPRESSING IMF'S DESIRE TO OFFER ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE AND NOTING THE AVAILABILITY OF DISASTER RELIEF. DELAROSIERE OFFERED TO SEND AN IMF OFFICIAL TO MEXICO TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SUCH ASSISTANCE.

3. (U) SINCE 1960, THE IMF CAN PROVIDE UNCONDITIONAL

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO MEET PAYMENTS PROBLEMS ARISING FROM SUDDEN AND UNFORESEEABLE NATURAL DISASTERS. THE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN USED 9 TIMES IN AMOUNTS RANGING 550 PERCENT OF QUOTA. IN MEXICO'S CASE THIS WOULD MEAN BETWEEN 300-600 MILLION DOLLARS.

4. (LOU) FOR POST INFO ONLY. CLEARLY IMF DISASTER ASSISTANCE, WHILE HELPFUL IN THE IMMEDIATE TERM, WILL NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR AN ADEQUATE MEXICAN ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM. WE ALL HOPE THAT SUCH DISASTER ASSISTANCE MIGHT PROVIDE AN OPENING FOR THE BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW MEXICAN PROGRAM. THE PREVIOUS MEXICAN EFF PROGRAM IS CONSIDERED HOPELESSLY IRRETRIEVABLE (AND WAS SUSPENDED SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE), BUT A NEW STANDY CAN AND SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED IN THE COMING MONTHS. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP; SITREP NO. 15  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 1700 EDT SEPTEMBER 24, 1985

1. CONFIRMED AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS REMAIN AT FIVE. A SIXTH US CITIZEN DIED IN ACAPULCO OF NATURAL CAUSES NOT RELATED TO THE EARTHQUAKE. US EMBASSY TEAMS ARE OUT LOOKING FOR MISSING AMERICANS IN THE DAMAGED AREAS, AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY IF AMERICANS ARE AMONG THOSE TRAPPED IN COLLAPSED HOTELS. BECAUSE OF SITE CONDITIONS, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SOME REMAINS WILL NEVER BE IDENTIFIED.

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2. MEXICAN AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO RESCUE PEOPLE TRAPPED UNDER RUBBLE CONTINUE. HOPES ARE DIMMING RAPIDLY THAT MORE SURVIVORS WILL BE RESCUED. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT AID FROM THE US AND MANY OTHER NATIONS CONTINUES TO POUR INTO MEXICO. OUR EMBASSY IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS OF GREATEST IMMEDIATE NEED.

3. OFFICERS AND STAFF FROM OTHER POSTS AND THE

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DEPARTMENT ARE TRAVELLING TO EMBASSY MEXICO TO ASSIST IN MEETING THE PRESENT CRISIS. SINCE THEUAKE THURSDAY MORNING THE EMBASSY HAS PERFORMED TIRELESSLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN DEALING WITH THE CRISIS. WHILE IN MEXICO CITY YESTERDAY, MRS. REAGAN ADDRESSED THE EMBASSY STAFF TO PRAISE THEIR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS.

4. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEXICO CITY CONTINUE TO BE DISRUPTED. TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH US EMBASSY MEXICO ARE FUNCTIONING AND MINIMIZE HAS BEEN LIFTED. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE DATA

REF: 5757

1. UNAM PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DATA.
2. FIVE AFTERSHOCKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED DURING PERIOD NOON  
SEPT 23 TO NOON SEPT 24 LOCAL TIME. MAGNITUDE OF  
AFTERSHOCKS VARIED FROM 3 TO 4.5 ON RICHTER SCALE.  
(SSOTO) GAVIN

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: AEMR, PREL, US, MX, EAID, EFIN  
SUBJECT: MEDIUM AND LONG TERM AID TO MEXICO

1. RE YOUR ACTION MEMO TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND ATTACHMENTS. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS:
2. I STRONGLY AGREE WITH THRUST OF YOUR PROPOSALS.
3. I WOULD SUPPORT MAXIMUM DISASTER RELIEF APPROPRIATION.
4. I HAVE ALREADY SOUNDED OUT MMH ON PROGRAMS FOR INTERMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION. AT THIS TIME HE IS TRYING TO DEFINE HIS GOVERNMENT'S NEEDS. I HAVE A MEETING, SET UP BY MMH, WITH SILVA HERZOG THIS EVENING. JSH, BY THE WAY, IS PLANNING TO GO TO WASHINGTON THURSDAY AND WANTS TO TALK TO BAKER. I HAVE INFORMED HIM THAT HE WILL NEED TO TOUCH MORE BASES THAN THAT (IN THE USG) IF HE WANTS TO "SELL HIS PRODUCT."
5. I SUPPORT "ADDITIONAL FUNDING" RATHER THAN REPROGRAMMING OR REALLOCATION. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT. HOW WOULD

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YOU PROPOSE TO "CHANNEL A SIGNIFICANT PART OF INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE MEXICAN PRIVATE SECTOR"?

6. I AM NOT QUITE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND ON "CONSORTIUM". ALTHOUGH A WORLD BANK MECHANISM WOULD BE USEFUL, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FOCUS ITS ATTENTION ON MUTUALLY AGREED OBJECTIVES.
7. I AGREE THAT WE SHOULD DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS NOW. I ALSO CONCUR WITH YOUR DESIRE FOR EARLY

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CONSULTATION WITH THE GOM. THEY WILL WANT TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION AND PROTECTIONISM IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. THAD NOT CAUSE US PROBLEMS.

8. MEXICO SEEKS, ABOVE ALL, DEBT RELIEF. IT IS IN OUR INTERESTS TO HEAR THEM OUT ON THIS ISSUE. MAKING THEM FEEL SQUEEZED, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME, WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO ALL PARTIES. IT MAY BE IN OUR INTERESTS TO PERSUADE THE BANKS - AND OTHER CREDITORS - TO BE FLEXIBLE. MEXICO'S TRAGEDY, ARGUABLY, MAKES IT UNIQUE AMONG DEBTOR NATIONS. THIS CONDITION COULD EXCUSE THE APPLICATION OF A MORE BENIGN PROGRAM OF DEBT SERVICE AND REPAYMENT.

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9. NICK PLATT'S MEMO TO MCFARLANE SAYS THAT "A MAGNANIMOUS EFFORT BY THE U.S....COULD CHANGE THE OFTEN CONTENTIOUS NATURE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP." I WISH I COULD BELIEVE THAT. MAYBE IT COULD MAKE A SMALL DENT; BUT I WOULD CAUTION THAT THERE ISN'T ENOUGH MONEY IN THE WORLD TO OVERCOME THE INFERIORITY COMPLEX THAT POSSESSES SOME OF THE SAD ELEMENTS OF THIS SOCIETY.

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10. I SUPPORT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY.

11. YOU'RE ON TO SOMETHING; LET'S MOVE.  
(ECP;AHARDY) GAVIN

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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, MX  
SUBJECT: FOREST SERVICE CREWS

POST HAS IMMEDIATE NEED FOR TWO FOREST SERVICE CATEGORY  
I HOT SHOT CREWS. THEIR PRESENCE IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.  
WE WILL NOT NEED THE NATIONAL GUARD OFFER. PLEASE  
ADVISE WHEN FOREST SERVICE CREWS WILL ARRIVE IN COUNTRY.  
THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS TELEPHONE REQUEST. GAVIN

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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX

SUBJECT: SITREP 50: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - U.S.

RESCUE EFFORTS

1. UPDATE ON U.S. RESCUE AND ASSISTANCE EFFORTS  
DURING DAY OF SEPTEMBER 24 IS AS FOLLOWS (AS OF 1800  
MEXICO CITY TIME):

2. DRAMATIC RESCUE TODAY BY U.S. CREW OF TWO  
TRAPPED INFANTS.  
ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 24, NEARLY FIVE DAYS  
AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 19 EARTHQUAKE, TWO INFANTS WERE  
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MIRACULOUSLY RESCUED ALIVE AT THE COLLAPSED JUAREZ  
HOSPITAL BY THE 26-PERSON U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE  
RESCUE TEAM OPERATING IN MEXICO CITY IN THE WAKE OF  
THE EARTHQUAKE. THE TWO NEW BORN INFANTS WERE FOUND  
AND RESCUED BY THE U.S. CREW IN THE RUBBLE OF WHAT  
HAD BEEN THE PEDIATRIC WARD OF THE HOSPITAL.

3. DOG TEAMS.

THE FOUR U.S. DOG TEAMS HAVE AGAIN SPREAD OUT TO  
AFFECTED SITES THROUGHOUT MEXICO CITY TODAY, AND

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HAVE AGAIN HAD SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESS IN LOCATING A NUMBER OF BODIES OF PERSONS KILLED UNDER THE RUBBLE AND DEBRIS OF COLLAPSED BUILDINGS.

4. SEISMIC AND TV TEAM.

THE U.S. SEISMIC TEAM, WORKING CLOSELY WITHS. TV TEAM WITH THE "SNAKE" TV (THE LATTER WAS THE TEAM WHICH YESTERDAY LOCATED TWO ADULTS ALIVE UNDER THE RUINS OF THE NUEVO LEON BUILDING IN TLATELOLCO-SEE SITREP 43), HAS ALSO BEEN ENGAGED IN EXTENSIVE ACTIVITY TODAY AT VARIOUS SITES.

5. DEMOLITION TEAM.

THE U.S. DEMOLITION TEAM HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN CONTINUING TO SURVEY BUILDINGS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO NEED TO BE DEMOLISHED. THEY ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ON THIS. THE TEAM HAS INDICATED IT WILL ACTUALLY NOT DEMOLISH ANY BUILDINGS WITH EXPLOSIVES UNTIL AT LEAST THIS WEEKEND.

6. MORE CONCRETE-CUTTING SAWS ARRIVING.  
EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S. CONTINUES TO ARRIVE. EXPECTED ON AN AIRCRAFT THIS AFTERNOON ARE 45 OF THE SPECIAL CONCRETE-CUTTING SAWS, WHICH HAVE PROVEN TO BE PERHAPS  
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THE MOST VALUABLE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WHICH CAN BE USED IN THE NUMEROUS COLLAPSED BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

7. CONSULAR TEAMS VISIT OUTLYING AREAS.  
TEAMS OF CONSULAR PERSONNEL ALSO HAVE FANNED OUT TODAY. THEY ARE NOW CONCENTRATING ON VISITING HOSPITALS AND SITES IN THE OUTLYING AREAS OF MEXICO CITY AND BEYOND (E.G. CUERNAVACA). A CONSULAR SURVEY TEAM WHICH VISITED NUMEROUS HOSPITALS IN MEXICO CITY ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 23 AND THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 24 REPORTED THAT EARTHQUAKE INJURED PERSONS ARE LEAVING, AND IN FACT HAVE MOSTLY ALREADY LEFT, HOSPITALS, AND THAT ALMOST NO NEW INJURED ARE BEING RECEIVED OR ARE REPORTING IN. THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT ALMOST ALL THOSE TRAPPED IN BUILDINGS OR INITIALLY REPORTED MISSING AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE EARTHQUAKE, ARE NOW IN ALL LIKELIHOOD DEAD. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP: SITREP NO.  
11 SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 0500 EDT SEPTEMBER 21, 1985

1. AS OF EARLY MONDAY MORNING, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES  
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ESTIMATE THE DEATH TOLL AT 3,461; OVER 6,700 HAVE BEEN  
TREATED FOR INJURIES AND AT LEAST 50,000 PEOPLE  
DISPLACED.

2. FOREIGN RESCUE TEAMS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE U.S.  
AND OTHER NATIONS, HAVE ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY AND GONE  
IMMEDIATELY TO WORK. THE TEAMS' SNIFFER DOGS AND VIDEO  
SEARCH EQUIPMENT HAVE ALREADY DETECTED VICTIMS IN THE  
RUBBLE.

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3. OFDA HAS REQUESTED DOD TO PROVIDE BODY BAGS, LOAN WATER TRAILERS, ASSIST WITH VARIOUS OTHER TYPES OF RELIEF AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT. OFDA HAS ALLOCATED \$434,630 TO COVER INITIAL COS HAS ALSO ASKED DOD TO PROVIDE A MEDICAL SPECIALIST TO SURVEY NEEDS IN MEXICO.

4. ASSISTANCE EFFORTS CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON RESCUE OF PEOPLE TRAPPED IN FALLEN BUILDINGS, CARING FOR THE INJURED AND DISPLACED, AND BURIAL OR CREMATION OF THE DEAD. THE GOM HAS DIVIDED THE MOST SEVERELY DAMAGED SECTIONS OF THE CITY INTO THREE ZONES OF THREE SQUARE MILES EACH; THE ARMY, NAVY AND POLICE EACH HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF A ZONE. CONTROL IS EFFECTIVE IN EACH ZONE, BUT COORDINATION BETWEEN ZONES COULD BE IMPROVED.

5. THE CITY, IN THE LEAST AFFECTED AREAS, IS BEGINNING TO RETURN TO NORMAL. BUT, COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES CONTINUE TO HAMPER SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS.

6. THE 18-MAN OFDA TEAM REPORTS:

- GOM EFFORTS ARE WELL ORGANIZED, ALTHOUGH OVERALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COORDINATION IS LACKING. OFFICIALS HAVE SHOWN CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE AND HAVE SUFFICIENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF SMALL ITEMS SUCH AS OXYGEN BOTTLES AND HAND TOOLS;

-- THERE IS NO NEED FOR A FIELD-GRADE HOSPITAL, NOR DOCTORS; OFDA HAS SENT 300 COTS FOR A TEMPORARY HOSPITAL FACILITY; SPECIALIST ARE NEEDED FOR DEMOLITION WORK, HOWEVER,

- SOME 900 BUILDINGS NEED TO BE DEMOLISHED;

-- FIRES IN THE CITY HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHED OR BURNED; AND,

" JUAREZ HOSPITAL, IN MEXICO CITY, WHICH COLLAPSED IN THE SECOND QUAKE, STILL HAS SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLE.

7. THE U.S. SEISMIC TEAM AND THEIR DOGS WENT TO THE SITES OF SIX COLLAPSED BUILDINGS, ONE OF THEM A HOSPITAL. UNFORTUNATELY, CROWDS, NOISE AND CONFUSION HAMPERED SEARCH ACTIVITIES. RESULTS WERE EFFECTIVE WHEN THE DOGS WERE USED LATE IN THE DAY AND AT NIGHT.

8. PREPARATIONS FOR MRS. REAGAN'S MID-DAY VISIT ON MONDAY TO MEXICO CITY ARE IN PLACE. SHE WILL VISIT WITH

MRS. DE LA MADRID AND TRAVEL TO KEY RELIEF STATIONS IN THE CITY. THE FDY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMS AND AID ADMINISTRATOR MCPHERSON. AMBASSADOR GAVIN WILL JOIN THE PARTY IN MEXICO. SHE DEPARTS FROM ANDREWS AFB AT 9:00 A.M. EDT AND RETURNS TO LOS ANGELES AT 4:20 P.M. PDT. MR. ABRAMS WILL RETURN ON THE SPECIAL FLIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON 1:00 A.M. EDT, SEPTEMBER 24.

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8. CONGRESSMEN KIKI DE LA GARZA (D-TEX) WILL TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY ON A PRIVATE TRIP ON MONDAY TO LOOK INTO RELIEF NEEDS.

9. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. WHITEHEAD

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FOR EAP/IMBS AND MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: PREL, SOCI, MX, ID, US, CASC

SUBJECT: INDONESIA LOOKING FOR HELP IN CONTACTING ITS  
- EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY

1. ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AGUS  
TARMIDZI TOLD POLCOUNS JAKARTA HAS HAD NO RPT NO WORD  
FROM ITS EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY SINCE THE EARTHQUAKES  
THERE. HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BECAUSE THE EMBASSY  
IS LOCATED IN AN AREA DOWNTOWN WHICH HE BELIEVES IS  
CLOSE TO THE REPORTED EPICENTER OF THE QUAKE. JAKARTA  
HAS RECEIVED "NEWS REPORTS" FROM ITS EMBASSY IN LIMA  
BUT IT HAS HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH ANY OF THE  
INDONESIANS IN MEXICO.  
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2. POLCOUNS NOTED THE EXISTENCE OF EMERGENCY GROUP IN  
THE DEPARTMENT WHICH MAY HAVE RECEIVED SOME COMMUNICA-  
TIONS CONCERNING STATE OF OTHER MISSIONS AND SUGGESTED  
TARMIDZI REQUEST HIS WASHINGTON EMBASSY CONTACT  
DEPARTMENT AND INQUIRE. TARMIDZI SAID HE WOULD BE  
SENDING A MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HASNAN HABIB AS SOON AS  
HE RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION  
FOR THIS OFFER OF ASSISTANCE.

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM MOTHER TERESA FOR INFORMATION  
ABOUT HER MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY IN MEXICO CITY

1. MOTHER TERESA CALLED ON ME SATURDAY ASKING ME TO  
TRY TO GET INFORMATION FOR HER ON THE WELFARE OF HER  
MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY IN MEXICO CITY. I TRIED TO  
EXPLAIN ABOUT LIMITEL AND THE FLOOD OF REQUESTS THE  
EARTHQUAKES WILL GENERATE FROM THE MILLIONS OF MEXICANS  
IN THE U.S. BUT IF YOU KNOW MOTHER TERESA SHE IS NOT  
USED TO GETTING OR ACCEPTING NO FOR AN ANSWER.

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2. THE TASK FORCE MUST HAVE AN OPEN LINE TO THE  
EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY -- WOULD YOU ASK THEM TO INCLUDE A  
QUESTION ABOUT THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY  
FOR MOTHER TERESA. THE HOME IS AT CALEANA 225,  
IOLENIA STATE, MEXICO CITY GUART, 18 D.F. MEXICO (IT HAS  
A PHONE NUMBER 570-54-25).

3. ANY WORD YOU CAN GET WILL BE APPRECIATED. WHEN  
MOTHER TERESA LEARNS NANCY REAGAN IS THERE SHE WILL

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PROBABLY CALL THE PRESIDENT AND TASK HIM PERSONALLY  
TO FIND OUT FOR HER.  
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SUBJECT: ARA NEWS ITEMS OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1985

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 21 AND 22 T.V. NEWSCASTS  
AND PROGRAMS.

SEPTEMBER 20:

(CBS EVENING NEWS)

MEXICAN QUAKE: THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT  
THERE ARE NO CONFIRMED DEATHS OF INJURIES AMONG AMERICANS  
IN MEXICO. MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT REAGAN SENT CONDOLENCES  
TO MEXICAN PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID AND OFFERED ASSISTANCE.

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(DAN RATHER)

(NBC NIGHTLY NEWS)

MEXICAN QUAKE: MEXICAN OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD THE U.S. THAT THEY WOULD LIKE SOME EXPERTS FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF MINES -- EXPERTS ON REMOVING BODIES FROM RUBBLE. AND INTERNATIONAL BANKERS WERE SAYING TODAY THAT THIS DISASTER WILL PROBABLY STALL EFFORTS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MEXICO'S BIG DEBT PROBLEMS. (TOM BROKAW)

SEPTEMBER 21:

(NBC NIGHTLY NEWS)

FOR MEXICO: EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO HAS SAID HIS COUNTRY CAN SOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS AID FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES BEGAN TO ARRIVE TODAY. THEN PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID WENT ON TV TO ADMIT HE HAS BEEN WRONG, THAT MEXICO DID NEED OUTSIDE HELP. MEXICO'S LATIN AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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NEIGHBORS WERE THE FIRST TO RESPOND. WHAT IS NEEDED AND NEEDED QUICKLY IS SOPHISTICATED HEAVY EQUIPMENT TO MOVE RUBBLE FASTER TO GET AT THOSE TRAPPED ALIVE BEFORE THEY DIE. AMBASSADOR JOHN GAVIN SAYS THE U.S. HAS BEEN ASKED TO BRING IN HEAVY MINING EQUIPMENT FOR RESCUE. (FOOTAGE OF GAVIN: "WE HAVE THREE EXPERTS ON DISASTERS WHO ARE ALSO COMING IN TODAY. THE EQUIPMENT AND THE MATERIALS ARE STANDING BY IN THE U.S. READY TO BE FLOWN IN") (DON OLIVER, MEXICO CITY)

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THAT REQUESTS FOR HELP FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT REFLECTS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION THERE. IN THE PAST MEXICO HAS BEEN SUSPICIOUS OF THE U.S., BUT NOW MEXICO IS DESPERATE. (CONNIE CHUNG) THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WAITED UNTIL LAST NIGHT TO ASK FOR AMERICAN DISASTER AID. THIS MORNING HELP WAS ON THE WAY AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID IT IS DESIGNED TO SAVE PEOPLE TRAPPED ALIVE. THE EMPHASIS OF THE AID EFFORT IS ON SAVING PEOPLE STILL TRAPPED. LATE THIS AFTERNOON THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTED THAT SPECIFIC ITEMS BE SENT: A FIELD HOSPITAL, TWO FIELD KITCHENS, POWER WINCHES, PORTABLE GENERATORS, TOOL KITS, CABLE CUTTERS, POWER SAWS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HOPES TO ACT ON THAT REQUEST WITHIN 24 HOURS. SIXTY STATE DEPARTMENT OPERATORS HAVE BEEN TAKING 20,000 CALLS A DAY FROM PEOPLE USING A SPECIAL NUMBER TO INQUIRE ABOUT LOVED ONES IN MEXICO. THREE DEATHS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AMONG THE 300,000 TO 400,000 AMERICANS CURRENTLY IN THE COUNTRY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID AMERICANS WANTING TO HELP IN THE RELIEF EFFORT SHOULD NOT SEND GOODS, BUT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO CHARITABLE RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. (LEE MCCARTHY)

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2. PRESS SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 21-23, 1985

(MONDAY, 9/23) NEW YORK TIMES --

MEXICO: JAMES LEMOYNE, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/22 ("RUBBLE SIFTED IN MEXICO, BUT HOPES ARE WANING; DEAD NOW PUT AT 1700, WITH 2000 BELIEVED BURIED IN THE DEBRIS"); "RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUED IN STRICKEN NEIGHBORHOODS OF MEXICO CITY TODAY, BUT HOPE FOR SURVIVORS OF TWO DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES LAST WEEK APPEARED TO BE WANING. MANY MOURNING FAMILIES TURNED TO THE TASK OF BURYING THEIR DEAD."

THE US EMBASSY LISTED FOUR AMERICANS KNOWN DEAD AND SAID THAT 11 AMERICANS WHO HAD BEEN IN HOTELS THAT COLLAPSED WERE STILL MISSING.

P. 8 AND 9 CARRY A PHOTO SPREAD ON THE EARTHQUAKE ("A STUNNED METROPOLIS ROLLS UP ITS SLEEVES AND BURIES ITS DEAD") AND THREE STORIES:

JOSEPH B. TREASTER, FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/22 ("WITH HOUSES IN RUBBLE, THOUSANDS ARE REFUGEES IN THEIR HOMETOWN") WRITES ON EXPERIENCES OF THE SURVIVORS.

E. J. DIONNE JR FROM GENOA, ITALY: ("POPE APPEALS FOR UNIVERSAL EFFORT TO EASE SUFFERING IN MEXICO").

JANE GROSS: ("RELIEF AGENCIES AWAIT ADVICE ON USE OF DONATIONS") INCLUDES A LIST OF GROUPS TAKING DISASTER-AID DONATIONS.

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(SUNDAY, 9/22) NEW YORK TIMES --

MEXICO: RICHARD J. MEISLIN, FRONT PAGE LEAD FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/21 ("BUILDINGS IN MEXICO TUMBLE AFTER 2D QUAKE STIRS PANIC; LARGER DEATH TOLL FEARED; MANY FLEE HOMES; OFFICIALS SAY 3000 DIED-- US ENVOY PUTS TOTAL MUCH HIGHER") QUOTES AMB. GAVIN, "I WOULD HAVE TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER TO BE AT LEAST 10,000 DEAD OR TRAPPED, AND AT THIS TIME WE HAVE TO THINK OF THEM AS DEAD. IT COULD POSSIBLY BE TWICE THAT NUMBER. I WOULD SAY THIS CALAMITY CAUSED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF DAMAGE." STORY ALTES AMB. GAVIN ON US RESCUE EFFORTS AND THE NANCY REAGAN VISIT.

MEXICO: HEDRICK SMITH, FRONT PAGE FROM WASHINGTON, 9/21 ("REAGAN OFFERS MEXICANS AID; NEED FOR A GLOBAL EFFORT SEEN"): "PRES. REAGAN, ADVISED THAT THE MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IS MUCH WORSE THAN ORIGINALLY FEARED,

OFFERED SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN AID TODAY AND MOVED TO BE READY TO HELP ORGANIZE A WORLDWIDE RELIEF EFFORT IF MEXICO ASKS FOR ONE."

SMITH ALSO REPORTS SATURDAY'S STATE DEPT BRIEFING BY ASSTSECSTATE ABRAMS AND USAID DIRECTOR MCPHERSON.

PPS 12, 13, AND 14 CARRY ADDITIONAL EARTHQUAKE STORIES:

WALTER SULLIVAN: ("SPECIALISTS EXPRESS SURPRISE AT INTENSITY OF AFTERSHOCK").

WAYNE KING, FROM HOUSTON: ("HEAVY EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY MEXICO; LISTING NEEDS FOR PRIVATE HELP, OFFICIAL REJECTS ATTEMPT TO SEEK GOVERNMENT AID").

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"THIS WEEK IN REVIEW," FRONT PAGE ("QUAKES SOW DEVASTATION IN MEXICO") RECAPS THE QUAKE STORY.

PERU: P. 9 BRIEF: ("GUERRILLAS BLACK OUT LIMA FOR 45 MINUTES").

BRAZIL: ALAN RIDING, P. 18 FROM BRASILIA, 9/17 ("BRAZIL'S LEADER URGES NEGOTIATIONS ON DEBT"): SARNEY "HAS SAID HE PREFERS NEGOTIATIONS TO CONFRONTATION ON THE REGIONAL DEBT CRISIS, BUT HE HAS WARNED THAT THE COUNTRY WILL REJECT ANY SOLUTION THAT PROLONGS ITS 4-YR-OLD RECESSION."

ARGENTINA: LYDIA CHAVEZ, SAME PAGE FROM BUENOS AIRES, 9/21: ("TRIAL OF LEADERS TROUBLES ARGENTINES").

HAITI: AP/MIAMI, P. 30, 9/21: ("100 HAITIANS ARE FEARED DROWNED BY SMUGGLERS").

(SATURDAY, 9/21) NEW YORK TIMES -

MEXICO: MEISLIN FRONT-PAGE LEAD: ("1300 DEAD IN MEXICAN QUAKE WITH 1000 REPORTED MISSING; COST CALLED 'ASTRONOMICAL'; 5000 ARE TREATED; HEAVY DAMAGE IN CAPITAL-- REPORTS SKETCHY IN 4 WESTERN STATES").

JAMES LEMOYNE, SAME PAGE: ("SEARCHING AMID THE RUINS").

WILLIAM STOCKTON, P. 4 FROM JARA, 9/20: ("36

KILLED IN REGION NORTHWEST OF CAPITAL").

JOSEPH B. TREASTER, SAME PAGE FROM ACAPULCO: ("ACAPULCO UNCLASSIFIED

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FELT MILD TREMOR").

BEN A. FRANKLIN, P. 5 FROM WASHINGTON, 9/20: ("MEXICO HOLDING OFF ON ACCEPTING U.S. AID OFFERS").

SPECIAL/LOS ANGELES, SAME PAGE: ("NEWS OF QUAKE VICTIMS AWAITED IN LOS ANGELES").

SPECIAL/GENEVA, SAME PAGE: ("RED CROSS IS HOPING TO USE SATELLITE LINK").

WALTER SULLIVAN, SAME PAGE: ("CLUES SOUGHT FOR SAFER CONSTRUCTION").

BOX, SAME PAGE: ("WHERE TO SEND AID FOR MEXICO").

ERIC N. BERG, P. 6: ("U.S. EXPERTS POISED TO HELP IN RESTORING PHONE SERVICES").

NICHOLAS D. KRISTOFF, SAME PAGE: ("DISASTER MAY COMPLICATE DEBT WOES").

LEAD EDIT, P. 26 ("QUAKING MEXICO") COMMENTS ON MEXICO'S PROBLEMS WITH THE IMF: "...THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT PRES. MIGUEL DE LA MADRID HAS MADE A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO MEET THE IMF AUSTERITY TERMS... BUT IN A WORLD AWASH WITH OIL, MEXICO'S EARNINGS ON ITS MAIN EXPORT HAVE FALLEN INEXORABLY... WITHOUT GIVING AWAY THE SHOP, THE MONETARY FUND COULD DO THE DECENT THING FOR A FRESHLY STRICKEN MEXICO BY EXEMPTING OIL FROM ITS CALCULATIONS OF IMPORT EARNINGS."

NICARAGUA/ICJ: AP/THE HAGUE BRIEF, P. 6, 9/20: ("NICARAGUAN CLAIM SEEKS \$375 MILLION FROM U.S.").

BOLIVIA: AP/LA PAZ, SAME COLUMN: ("BOLIVIAN MINE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKERS CONTINUE GENERAL STRIKE").

(MONDAY, 9/23) WASHINGTON POST --

MEXICO: FRONT PAGE CARRIES THREE QUAKE STORIES:

EDWARD CODY FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/22 ("RESCUE WORKERS DIG FOR QUAKE SURVIVORS"): "...AS AID FROM ABROAD FLOWED IN, THERE WERE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE IMF, WHICH

HAD CUT OFF LENDING TO MEXICO ON THE DAY OF THE EARTHQUAKE, WAS CONSIDERING EXTENDING UP TO \$400 MILLION IN EMERGENCY CREDITS."

WILLIAM A. ORME FROM MEXICO CI2: ("PRESSURE TO BURY DISASTER VICTIMS").

ALMA GUILLERMOPRIETO FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/22 ("RANDOM PATHS OF DESTRUCTION").

EL SALVADOR: JOANNE OMANG, P. 17 FROM SAN SALVADOR, 9/22 ("TALKS OPPOSED IN KIDNAPING OF DUARTE KIN; CLERIC WARNS AGAINST BOWING TO TERRORISTS") REPORTS THAT BISHOP ROSA CHAVEZ "STATED HIS OPPOSITION TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KIDNAPERS..., SAYING IT WOULD BE 'A DEATH BLOW TO DEMOCRACY.'"

(SUNDAY, 9/22) WASHINGTON POST --

MEXICO: FRONT-PAGE LEAD ("TOLL IN MEXICO CONTINUES TO MOUNT") COVERS TWO STORIES:

DAVID MARANISS FROM CIUDAD GUZMAN, 9/21: ("IN CENTRAL TOWN, STREETS BECOME A THEATER OF FEAR") AND UNCLASSIFIED

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EDWARD CODY FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/21 ("U.S. ENVOY SAYS DEATHS IN QUAKE MAY BE 10,000").

P. 18-19 EARTHQUAKE SPREAD INCLUDES:

GEORGE LARDNER JR: ("DONATIONS TO AGENCIES FAVORED IN QUAKE RELIEF; HALT TO GIFTS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING URGED")

ALMA GUILLERMOPRIETO FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/21: ("MEXICANS COPE AMID THE RUIJNS; RELATIVES WAIT OUTSIDE DRESS FACTORY FOR NEWS OF 200 WORKERS TRAPPED INSIDE") AND

WILLIAM A. ORME JR FROM MEXICO CITY: ("IDENTIFICATION FALLS TO NEXT OF KIN").

BRAZIL: RICHARD HOUSE, P. 16 FROM BRASILIA ("BRAZIL LEADER HITS CREDITORS' PROTECTIONISM; SAYS COUNTRY SEEKS IMF, BANK TALKS"); SARNEY "HAS CRITICIZED THE 'PARADOXICAL POSITION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT DEMAND THAT POOR NATIONS INCREASE EXPORTS TO GENERATE REVENUE NEEDED TO REPAY DEBTS, THEN BAR THOSE EXPORTS WITH PROTECTIONIST MEASURES.'"

MEXICO: LEAD EDIT, P. C6 ("EARTHQUAKE") CONCLUDES: "IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE US MUST BE GENEROUS TO A FAULT IN RESPONDING TO ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE THAT MEXICO MAKES. BUT BEYOND THE BULLDOZERS AND THE EMERGENCY HOSPITALS AND THE REST, THIS COUNTRY OUGHT TO

BE PREPARED, IN THE LARGE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS THAT BIND THE TWO NATIONS, TO LOOK BEYOND NATIONALITIES OF WHO OWES WHAT TO WHOM AND WHEN.

"MEXICANS NEED SOME TIME, PERHAPS SOME MONTHS, IN WHICH TO REORGANIZE AND TAKE ACCOUNT OF THIS CATASTROPHE. IT IS NOT JUST THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL  
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AGENCIES THAT SHOULD REALIZE THIS IS A MOMENT TO STEP OUTSIDE ROUTINE. SO SHOULD THE PRIVATE BANKS AND BUSINESSES DEALING WITH MEXICO. THE NORTH AMERICAN RESPONSE NOW COULD SET THE TONE OF MEXICAN-US RELATIONS WELL INTO THE FUTURE."

(SATURDAY, 9/21) WASHINGTON POST --

MEXICO: FRONT-PAGE STORIES:

EDWARD CODY FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/20: ("QUAKE TOLL IN MEXICO PUT AT 2000; LARGE AFTERSHOCK HITS AS WORKERS SEEK SURVIVORS").

WILLIAM A. ORME JR FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/20: ("VICTIMS DESCRIBE TERROR, TRAGEDY").

P. 17, UPI/SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN, 9/20: ("SHIPS, BOATS ARE MISSING AFTER QUAKE; 'SEA HAD GONE WILD,' CREWMAN REPORTS").

P. 18, LIONEL BARBER: ("WORLD READY TO HELP IF MEXICO MAKES REQUEST; 'LET'S ASSESS THE NEED,' ENVOY SAYS").

P. 19, JAY MATHEWS FROM LOS ANGELES: ("MEXICAN QUAKE'S SEVERITY HAS REPERCUSSIONS IN CALIFORNIA").

SAME PAGE, UPI/MEXICO CITY: ("AMERICANS TRY TO CALL HOME").

USSR: DON OBERDORFER, P. 14 ("U.S.-SOVIET TALKS ON LATIN AMERICA EXPECTED BEFORE SUMMIT"): "BEFORE THE NOVEMBER SUMMIT MEETING, THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE LIKELY TO  
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HOLD POLICY-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CUBA, NICARAGUA AND OTHER POINTS OF POTENTIAL SUPERPOWER CONFLICT IN LATIN AMERICA, STATE DEPT OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY."

EL SALVADOR: JOANNE OMANG, P. 25 FROM SAN SALVADOR ("SALVADORAN POLITICAL TENSION EASES; MARCHES, RALLIES INCREASE AFTER DROP IN KIDNAPPINGS, MURDERS"): "...TO AN EXTENT UNTHINKABLE EVEN A YEAR AGO, LEFTIST GROUPS ARE

VISIBLE NOW IN EL SALVADOR, DECLARING IN THE STREETS WHAT THEY ONCE DARED TO SAY ONLY IERS FOR FEAR OF DEATH SQUAD RETALIATION.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE FAR RIGHT IS SPLINTERED AND RELATIVELY QUIET. ITS UNQUESTIONED LEADER, ...D'AUBUISSON, SURFACED EARLIER THIS MONTH TO COMPLAIN ABOUT AN ADVERTISEMENT CRITICIZING HIM, AND THE JOKE WAS, 'ROBERTO WHO?'"

NICARAGUA/ICJ: AP/THE HAGUE, 9/20, P. 28: ("NICARAGUA DEMANDS PAYMENT FROM U.S.).

(MONDAY, 9/23) WALL STREET JOURNAL --

MEXICO: FRONT PAGE BRIEF LEADS TO P. 35 STORY FROM MEXICO CITY ("MEXICO IS CERTAIN TO NEED BIG INCREASE IN FOREIGN LOANS DUE TO EARTHQUAKES"): "...THE POSSIBILITY OF IMF DISTRESS LOANS FOR MEXICO WAS DISCUSSED YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK BY FINANCE MINISTERS OF FIVE MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. BUT US TREASURY SECRETARY JAMES BAKER SAID AFTER THE SESSION THAT NO DECISION WAS TAKEN AND NO AMOUNTS GIVEN."

"...THE DISASTERS STRUCK AS THE IMF WAS PREPARING TO SUSPEND EMERGENCY CREDITS-- PART OF A 3-YR, \$3.4 BILLION PROGRAM-- BECAUSE MEXICO DIDN'T COMPLY WITH THE STIPULATED ECONOMIC TARGETS. HOWEVER, BANKERS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMISTS ALREADY ARE SPECULATING THAT MEXICO IS LIKELY TO BE FORCED INTO AGREEING TO A NEW 12 TO 15-MONTH IMF PROGRAM THAT WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO LOANS FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS AND THE WORLD BANK. AND ECONOMISTS SAY THE IMF LMIGHT BE LESS STRINGENT ON ECONOMIC TARGETS IN ANY NEW PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY ON THE GOVERNMENT BUDGET DEFICIT, BECAUSE OF MEXICO'S REBUILDING NEEDS."

BOX, SAME PAGE: ("U.S. DISPERSES AID TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS").

(MONDAY, 9/23) CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

MEXICO: DENNIS VOLMAN, FRONT PAGE ("MEXICO SEEKS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR RECONSTRUCTION; NEED FOR QUAKE FUNDS COMES AT TIME OF DEBT PROBLEMS")

ROBERT C. COWEN, P. 6: ("MEXICO DATA MAY GIVE INSIGHTS INTO WAYS TO CUT QUAKE DAMAGE").

NICARAGUA/ICJ: P. 2 BRIEF: ("NICARAGUA SUMS UP CASE AGAINST U.S. IN WORLD COURT").

DEBT: P. 9 FROM NEW YORK ("LATIN AMERICA SEEKS

TO RENEGOTIATE DEBTS; CONSENSUS GROWS THAT DEBTS CAN'T BE REPAYED AS CURRENTLY STRUCTURED"); "...THE CONSENSUS ON THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF KEEPING TO THE PRESENT SCHEDULE OF DEBT REPAYMENT HAS BEEN FORMING ALL YEAR." STORY INCLUDES A TABLE OF LATAM FOREIGN DEBT.

(MONDAY, 9/23) BALTIMORE SUN --

MEXICO: TWO FRONT-PAGE MEXICO CITY STORIES, BY JAMES UNCLASSIFIED

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BOCK ("QUAKE SURVIVORS BECOME EXCEPTION AS MEXICO CITY RESCUERS FIGHT FATIGUE; 1000 ARE RESCUED, BUT HOPE IS WANING") AND DOUG STRUCK ("20,000 HOMELESS ADD TO CITY'S BURDEN").

(MONDAY, 9/23) WASHINGTON TIMES --

MEXICO: AP/MEXICO CITY, FRONT PAGE LEAD: ("MEXICO BURIES DEAD, SEARCHES FOR SURVIVORS").

MARC ADAMS, P. 10 ("EARTHQUAKE SEEN SPURRING NEW IMF-MEXICAN LOAN PACT") QUOTES AN IMF OFFICIAL: "IN LIGHT OF THE EARTHQUAKE, WE MAY HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE VERY BEGINNING AND REASSESS THE ENTIRE PROGRAM AND THE MEDIUM-TERM OUTLOOK FOR MEXICO."

EL SALVADOR: UPI/SAN SALVADOR, P. 8B: ("SALVADORAN CLERIC AGAINST TALKING WITH KIDNAPPERS").  
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SUBJECT: ARA GUIDANCES/BRIEFING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1985

1. PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCES.

(EL SALVADOR: SEVEN MORE MAYORS KIDNAPPED)

Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM THE ABDUCTION OF SEVEN MORE SALVADORAN  
MAYORS BY THE FDR/FMLN?

REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer

A: SEVEN MAYORS FROM CHALATENANGO AND SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENTS WERE KIDNAPPED ON SEPTEMBER 19-20. THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT, ARENA, AND PAISA PARTIES. ALTHOUGH NO GROUP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY, THE NATION-WIDE COORDINATION OF THE ABDUCTIONS INDICATES THAT THE FDR/FMLN IS MOST PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE. THIS BRINGS TO 20 THE NUMBER OF KIDNAPPED MAYORS THOUGHT TO BE HELD BY THE FDR/FMLN. CONTACTS HAD BEEN MADE AIMED AT SECURING THE RELEASE OF THE ORIGINAL THIRTY HAVE BEEN HELD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. WE MUST VIEW THESE NEW KIDNAPPINGS AS A STEP BACKWARD IN THIS PROCESS AND AN OPEN ESCALATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY BY THE FAR LEFT.

(GUATEMALA: IKLE AND CODEL VISIT)

Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT TODAY TO GUATEMALA OF UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY, FRED IKLE, NESTOR SANCHEZ, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, AND CONGRESSMEN BOB LIVINGSTON, JOHN MURTHA, ROBERT LAGOMARSINO AND MATTHEW MCHUGH?

A: THIS VISIT, LIKE THE RECENT VISITS TO GUATEMALA OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SENATORS LUGAR AND DURENBERGER, CONGRESSMAN LEHMAN, TREASURY SECRETARY BAKER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ELLIOTT ABRAMS, IS TO REAFFIRM STRONG UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR GUATEMALA'S DEMOCRATIZATION EFFORTS.

IN SPITE OF EFFORTS BY A MINORITY OF EXTREMISTS TO DELAY THE NOVEMBER 3 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS THROUGH STREET AND OTHER RECENT ACTS OF VIOLENCE, THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT HAS REITERATED ITS FIRM INTENTION OF ADHERING TO THE ELECTORAL CALENDAR, A MOVE WE APPLAUD.

WE ALSO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENTS' CURRENT EFFORTS TO REACH CONSENSUS ON AN ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE FOR IMPLEMENTATION THIS YEAR. RENEWED PROSPERITY AND A FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE GROWTH OF DEMOCRACY DEPEND ON PROMPT ACTION IN THIS AREA.

(MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE)

THE SECRETARY ASKED DEPUTY SECRETARY WHITEHEAD TO OVERSEE AND COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EARTHQUAKE.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY NEW INFORMATION ON THE MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE SITUATION?

A: THIS CONTINUES TO BE A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AND OUR

HEARTS GO OUT TO THE MEXICAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED IN THIS TRAGEDY. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE COURAGE, SKILL AND DEDICATION WHICH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE MEXICAN PEOPLE HAVE DISPLAYED DURING THIS ORDEAL. THEY HAVE MADE AN IMPRESSIVE EFFORT UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE FOCUS OF RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE TO BE ON LOCATING ANY REMAINING SURVIVORS UNDER THE RUBBLE AND REMOVING

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BODIES AND PROVIDING SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS.

MOST OF THE DETAILS ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE PRESS. I CAN GIVE YOU A FEW UPDATED STATISTICS AS OF THIS TIME:

OFFICIAL COUNT OF THE DEAD: 3481 ACCORDING TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SOURCES.

NUMBER INJURED: TOTAL UNKNOWN, BUT ABOUT 6700 TREATED FOR INJURIES.

NUMBER OF AMERICANS KILLED: FIVE CONFIRMED DEAD.

NUMBER OF AMERICANS INJURED: SEVEN OF WHICH TWO ARE SERIOUS.

ABOUT 4500 AMERICANS HAVE NOTIFIED OUR EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY AND OUR CONSULATES THAT THEY ARE SAFE, AND WE HAVE ADVISED THEIR RELATIVES IN THE U.S. IN ALMOST ALL CASES. THE NUMBER WHICH PERSONS CAN CALL TO CHECK ON THE WELFARE OF AMERICANS IN MEXICO IS 202-653-7959.

I WOULD ASK YOU TO PRINT OR BROADCAST ONLY THIS NUMBER PLEASE. THE MEXICAN TASK FORCE IN THE DEPARTMENT HAS MANY OTHER THINGS TO DO AND PUBLICIZING OTHER TELEPHONE NUMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TASK FORCE INTERFERES WITH OTHER IMPORTANT WORK OF THE TASK FORCE.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE, OFFICIALS FROM OUR EMBASSY BEGAN VISITING THE SITES OF DESTROYED AND DAMAGED BUILDINGS -- HOTELS, HOSPITALS, STORES, PARTICULARLY -- IN SEARCH OF ANY AMERICANS AND TO RENDER THEM APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. THIS IS ONE REASON WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO

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CONFIRM THE SAFETY OF SO MANY AMERICANS.

THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED -- AND WE HAVE PROMPTLY PROVIDED -- PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO HELP WITH RESCUE AND RELIEF EFFORTS. THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HAS SPEARHEADED THIS EFFORT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. MILITARY AND OTHER AGENCIES. AMONG THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED HAS BEEN SPECIALIZED SEARCH AND TEAMS WITH DOGS, DEMOLITIONS TEAMS, HELICOPTER FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, AND HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT SUCH AS BUILDERS AND CRANES TO HELP CLEAR THE WRECKAGE. OFDA ALSO HAS PROVIDED, IN RESPONSE TO MEXICAN REQUESTS, RELIEF SUPPLIES, EXCLUDING FOODSTUFFS.

THE RED CROSS, SOME OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND OTHER NATIONS HAVE ALSO PROVIDED RESCUE AND RELIEF PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

Q: CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT TODAY TO MEXICO CITY.

A: I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE FOR DETAILS ON THAT. I CAN SAY THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLIOTT ABRAMS AND AID ADMINISTRATOR PETER MCPHERSON ARE TRAVELING WITH HER.

2. SUMMARY OF NOON PRESS BRIEFING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1985 (REDMAN)

STATUS REPORT ON MEXICO? THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED DESECSTATE WHITEHEAD TO COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS. THE SPOKESMAN USED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PREPARED GUIDANCE. BUT LOWER CASUALTY FIGURES ARE BEING PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED...? WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO SPECULATE ON CASUALTY FIGURES. WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE ROLE OF ABRAMS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND MCPHERSON, AS THEY ACCOMPANY MRS. REAGAN? THEIR ROLE IS TO BE THERE WITH HER, BRIEF HER ON THE WAY DOWN, BE THERE ON THE SCENE. HAVE THERE BEEN MORE REQUESTS FROM THE GOM SINCE THE SATURDAY BRIEFING? THE GUIDANCE WAS THE LATEST THE SPOKESMAN HAD. DO YOU HAVE A DOLLAR FIGURE? NO. WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE ON THE SITUATION OUTSIDE MEXICO CITY? THOUGH MOST OF OUR EFFORT AND ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE MEXICO CITY AREA, THE TASK FORCE HAS INFORMATION ON OTHER AREAS AS WELL.

ANYTHING ON THE NEW STRATEGY OF DEALING WITH THE DEBT THROUGH THE WORLD BANK? NO.  
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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP: SITREP NO 12  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 1200 EDT SEPTEMBER 23, 1985

1. ATTENTION REMAINS FOCUSED ON RESCUE OF PEOPLE TRAPPED  
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IN BUILDINGS, CARING FOR THE INJURED AND DISPLACED, AND  
BURIAL OR CREMATION OF DEAD. EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO  
REPAIR DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING COMMUNICATION  
LINES AND ELECTRICITY. US CITIZEN DEATH TOLL STANDS AT  
FIVE.

2. MRS. REAGAN'S DELEGATION, INCLUDING AID ADMINISTRATOR  
MCIPHERSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ABRAMS, MEXICO  
COUNTRY OFFICER MASON DEPARTED FOR MEXICO THIS MORNING,  
AND IS PRESENTLY ENROUTE. ETA MEXICO 1310 EDT.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer

3. SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE, OTHER US VIP'S TO VISIT MEXICO INCLUDE SAN ANTONIO MAYOR CISNEROS, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR KREUGER, TEXAS GOVERNOR'S AIDE TOM WALKER, CONGRESSMAN KIKI DE LA GARZA IS PRESENTLY EN ROUTE TO MEXICO. THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON MAY TRAVEL TO MEXICO WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

4. THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RELIEF COORDINATING EFFORT CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON IMMEDIATE RESCUE NEEDS. EXCELLENT AND CONTINUING SUPPORT BY DOD HAS GREATLY FACILITATED USG EFFORTS.

5. TELEPHONE LINKS BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OUR EMBASSY IN MEXICO ARE FUNCTIONING BUT ARE SUBJECT TO OUTAGES. HIGH SPEED TELECOMMUNICATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY ARE NOW IN OPERATION. PUBLIC LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CONTACTS WITH MEXICO CONTINUE DISRUPTED. AT&T ESTIMATES THAT THE FULL RESTORATION OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE LINKS COULD TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS.

6. MEXICAN PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID HAS CANCELLED HIS PLANS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY FOR THE UNGA SEPTEMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. PRESS COVERAGE REMAINS HEAVY, WITH MAJOR NETWORKS HAVING ANCHORPERSONS REPORTING FROM MEXICO CITY. GENERALLY THE MEXICAN PEOPLE ARE GETTING VERY HIGH MARKS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE DISASTER.

8. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN PRESS REPORTS SPECIAL IMF CREDIT FOR  
- EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION  
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REF: MULLER/REILLY TELECON, 9/23/85

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY ANGEL GURRIA, GOM'S  
CHIEF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL NEGOTIATOR, TO CLARIFY AND  
EXPAND ON A STORY CARRIED IN THE SEPTEMBER 23 EXCELSIOR  
CONCERNING A SPECIAL IMF CREDIT TO MEXICO FOR EARTHQUAKE  
RECONSTRUCTION. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF  
ARTICLE FOLLOWS. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ASAP  
GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO GURRIA'S INQUIRY. END  
ACTION REQUESTED.

2. UNDER THE HEADLINE 'FINANCIAL POWERS RECOMMEND  
EMERGENCY IMF CREDIT FOR MEXICO,' THE ARTICLE BY  
EXCELSIOR CORRESPONDENT JOSE MANUAL NAVA STARTS OFF WITH  
A BRIEF REFERENCE TO THE G-5'S PRINCIPAL PURPOSE FOR  
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MEETING--TO DISCUSS THE INTERNATIONAL DEBT SITUATION AND  
DECIDE ON MEASURES TO BRING DOWN THE VALUE OF THE  
DOLLAR. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, 'THE FINANCE MINISTERS  
AND CENTRAL BANK DIRECTORS OF THE U.S., FRANCE, ENGLAND,  
JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY, MEETING IN A SPECIAL SESSION OF  
THE SO CALLED 'GROUP OF FIVE', ALSO DISCUSSED THE  
UNFORTUNATE MEXICAN SITUATION AND RECOMMENDED TO THE IMF  
ENSION OF AN EMERGENCY CREDIT TO MEXICO SO THAT IT  
CAN DEAL WITH THE DEMANDS OF RECONSTRUCTION AND AID TO  
VICTIMS.

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3. "THE U.S. SECRETARY OF TREASURY, JAMES BAKER, SAID THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES ANALYZED THE MEXICAN SITUATION AND DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS THE CREATION OF AN EERGENCY FINANCIAL PACKAGE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO CITY.  
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4. "IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT TOOK PLACE AFTER THE MEETING...BAKER SAID THAT THE FIVE MOST DEVELOPED NATIONS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO HELP MEXICO THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS."  
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5. GURRIA ALSO TOLD EMBASSY THAT A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF WAS TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON 9/24, AND PRESUMABLY IMF LOAN POSSIBILITY WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THIS VISIT. DRAFTED BY S. MULLER. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY

REF: STATE 290951

1. ON REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY CONTACTED NORWEGIAN EMBASSY HERE.
  2. FIRST SECRETARY, TORE TANUM, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT EMBASSY STAFF IS FINE AND THAT EMBASSY'S PROPERTIES ARE NOT DAMAGED.
  3. HE ALSO SAID THAT NOBODY FROM THE NORWEGIAN COMMUNITY WAS HURT. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE BUILDINGS FROM NORWEGIAN ENTERPRISES WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.
  4. MR. TANUM ASKED US TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO ES. BJORKLUN, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, SAYING THAT MR. MYKLEBOS IS DOING FINE. (DRAFTED:POL:MLKRUGER) GAVIN
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SUBJECT: WELFARE OF CYPRUS EMBASSY STAFF

1. ON REQUEST OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT EMBASSY CONTACTED  
THE CYPRIOT EMBASSY HERE.

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2. COUNSELOR ELIAS ELIADES INFORMED EMBOFF THAT  
CYPRIOT STAFF IS DOING FINE, AND THAT EMBASSY PROPERTY  
WASN'T DAMAGED.

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3. CYPRIOT EMBASSY WILL TRY CONTACTING CYPRIOT EMBASSY  
IN WASHINGTON, AS ITS TELEX IS NOW PARTIALLY WORKING.  
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SUBJECT: SITREP 34: EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE IN ZONE OF

-- EPICENTER ON MEXICO'S WEST COAST

1. SUMMARY. A MEXICAN UNIVERSITY SEISMOLOGIST REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY THAT OF MEXICAN WEST COAST CITIES, LAZARO CARDENAS WAS HARDEST HIT WITH DAMAGE TO INDUSTRIAL PLANTS AND SEVERE DAMAGE TO HOTELS. IN IXTAPA, THE HOTELS SUFFERED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE AND THERE WERE ONLY LIMITED EFFECTS IN MANZANILLO.

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2. PROFESSOR LOMMITZ, A SEISMOLOGIST AT UNAM, CALLED THE EMBASSY TO GIVE HIS EVALUATION OF THE DAMAGE TO THE ZONE ENCOMPASSING THE EPICENTER OF THE EARTHQUAKE. HE WAS OUT IN THE AREA TODAY, IN HIS CESSNA, AND LANDED AT VARIOUS AREAS OF CONCERN ALONG THE WESTERN COSTAL AREA OF THE COUNTRY.

3. THE EPICENTER OF THE EARTHQUAKE HIT LAZARO CARDENAS, MICHOACAN, A TOWN WITH TWO MAIN INDUSTRIES, STEEL AND FERTILIZER. ONE OF THE PLANTS HAD BEEN ON FIRE BUT IS

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NOW NO LORNING. THERE HAVE BEEN FIVE CONFIRMED DEATHS THERE--TWO IN A ROAD ACCIDENT - AND AT LEAST TWO IN THE PLAYA AZUL HOTEL WHICH WAS LEVELLED. MOST OF THE HOTELS IN THE TOWN HAVE COLLAPSED. THE GENERAL HOSPITAL IN LAZARO CARDENAS WAS BADLY DAMAGED BUT THE HOTEL DE SEGURO SOCIAL IS OPEN AND FUNCTIONING. THE ENTIRE CITY IS BEING CONTROLLED BY THE ARMY AND THERE APPEAR TO BE NO REPORTS OF LOOTING OR OTHER CRIMES BEING COMMITTED. THE TIDAL WAVE THAT STRUCK THE AREA AFTER THE QUAKE RANGED FROM TWO TO TWO AND ONE-HALF METERS IN HEIGHT.

4. OVERALL, THE DAMAGE IS MUCH WORSE IN INLAND AREAS THAN ANY OF THE COASTAL TOWNS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LAZARO CARDENAS. OF CITIES ON MEXICO'S WEST COAST, EYE WITNESS REPORTS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ONLY LAZARO CARDENAS SUFFERED MAJOR DAMAGE.

5. IXTAPA/ZIJUATANEJO. THE PROFESSOR CONFIRMED THE REPORTS OF DAMAGE TO THAT AREA. IN IXTAPA, THE FORD AGENCY WENT DOWN, BUT THE HOTELS SUFFERED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE AND SEEM TO BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND--ALL OF THE HOTELS IN THE AREA STILL HAVE THEIR WINDOWS IN PLACE. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF MINOR DAMAGE TO PRIVATE

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DWELLINGS. IN ZIJUATANEJO, HE CONFIRMED THE REPORTS OF THREE HOTELS LEVELLED AND THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTE MUNICIPAL IN THE SAME CONDITION.

6. PROFESSOR LOMMITZ ALSO CALLED AT MANZANILLO AND FOUND ONLY MINOR DAMAGE TO THAT AREA. DRAFTED BY J.P.FELT. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: SITREP 44. MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON 09/23 NOON BEWSCAST  
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2. "24 HORAS" HIGHLIGHTED THE U.S. AND FOREIGN  
ASSISTANCE THAT CONTINUES TO ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY, AND  
GIVE MAJOR COVERAGE TO MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT AND  
ACTIVITIES MONDAY, INCLUDING HIS TOUR OF THE DISASTER  
AREA WITH MRS. DE LA MADRID.

3. "24 HOURS" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT YOLANDA  
SANCHEZ STRESSED THE INTEREST AND DESIRE FOR COOPERATION  
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OF U.S. CITIZENS, THE WORLD BANK DECISION TO GRANT A  
SPECIAL CREDIT TO MEXICO, AND THE U.S. BANKERS  
CONSENSUS THAT PRESSURE SHOULD NOT BE EXERCISED ON  
MEXICO REGARDING DEBT, AND THAT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE  
SHOULD BE PROVIDED. THREE JETS CARRYING PRIVATE  
SHIPMENTS OF ASSISTANCE MATERIAL FROM CALIFORNIA  
AND TEXAS HAVE ARRIVED, AS WELL AS AIRCRAFT WITH  
ASSISTANCE FROM BELGIUM, ISRAEL,  
FEDERAL GERMANY AND  
PANAMA. IMF OFFICIALS REITERATED THAT A SUSPENSION

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OF CREDIT TO MEXICO IS NOT FORESEEN.

4. A WPECIAL TELECAST WAS MADE FROM HOSPITAL JUAREZ, AT MEXICO CITY'S MEDICAL WHERE THE FRENCH CREW HAD JUST RESCUED A LITTLE GIRL. THE CREW WAS INTEZVIEWED REGARDING OTHER PERSONS TRAPPED AND STILL ALIVE; THE CREW SAID THEY BELIEVED THERE WERE POSSIBILITIES THAT THIS COULD BE SO. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: SITREP 43: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - RELIEF EFFORTS;  
OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE U.S. SEISMIC AND CAMERA TEAMS, USING SOUNDING EQUIPMENT AND A "SNAKE" CAMERA, IDENTIFIED TODAY THE PRECISE LOCATION OF A COUPLE BURIED DEEP WITHIN THE RUBBLE OF THE NUEVO LEON APARTMENT BUILDING IN TLATELOLCO. THE PEOPLE WERE PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE CAMERA. THE SMALL CAMERA WAS ALSO USED TO LOWER A WATER-ABSORBED SWATCH OF COTTON TO THE COUPLE TO GIVE THEM THEIR FIRST WATER  
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SINCE BEING BURIED, THEY WERE FINALLY BROUGHT OUT AT ABOUT 1 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 23 WITH A SWISS TEAM AIDING IN THE FINAL PHASE OF THE RESCUE.

2. A REPORT FROM THE U.S. DOG RESCUE TEAMS AND THEIR HANDLERS, INDICATES THAT SEPT. 23 WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THE FIRST DAY. THE 12 DOGS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO FOUR TEAMS OF DOGS OPERATING AT DIFFERENT SITES AROUND THE CITY. THE DOGS HAVE TODAY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DETECTING NINE SEPARATE LS WHERE LIVING PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO BE FOUND. THEY ALSO LOCATED 23 OTHER AREAS OF LIKELY BODIES AND UNCOVERED NUMEROUS CORPSES AMIDST THE RUBBLE OF COLLAPSED BUILDINGS. A PROBLEM IS

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THAT THE AMERICAN TEAMS KEEP BEING TAKEN TO SITES WHERE THE FRENCH AND SWISS DOG RESCUE TEAMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EARLIER. THE LATTER STEMS FROM A LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG THE MEXICANS, INASMUCH AS THE FRENCH AND SWISS TEAMS ARE WORKING UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE MEXICAN MILITARY, WHEREAS THE U.S. TEAMS ARE WORKING UNDER

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THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE MUNICIPAL FEDERAL DISTRICT. APPARENTLY THE CIVILIAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES DO NOT TALK TO OR COORDINATE WITH THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES THUS CAUSING MUCH UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

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3. AN UNFOUNDED RUMOR SPREAD YESTERDAY THAT PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN WORKING AT THE RUINS OF THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO RADIATION FROM A RADIATION TREATMENT MACHINE AT THE HOSPITAL. THIS RUMOR WAS INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY BY THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE AND TURNED OUT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE TOTALLY UNFOUNDED. IN THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION, THE SCIENCE OFFICE FOUND THAT THE MEXICAN CNSNS (NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY COMMISSION) HAD ALREADY VISITED ALL SITES (SUCH AS COLLAPSED HOSPITALS) WHERE THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANY RADIATION HAZARDS OR POSSIBLE LEAKS. THEY DETERMINED, BY USE OF THEIR RADIATION MEASURING EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER MEANS, THAT NO DANGER OF EXPOSURE TO RADIATION HAZARDS EXISTS.

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4. CONGRESSMAN KIKA DE LA GARZA (DEMOCRAT TEXAS) ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY TODAY FOR A BRIEF EARTHQUAKE-RELATED VISIT. HE MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN SENATE, SENATOR RIVA PALACIO, AND GOM SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EDUARDO PESQUEIRA. DE LA GARZA BROUGHT SOME MEDICINES. PESQUEIRA ASKED FOR A MARSHALL PLAN FOR MEXICO. PESQUEIRA ALSO MADE A STRONG PLEA FOR 3,000 COLLAPSIBLE WATER CONTAINERS. HE SAID ERE 1.3 MILLION PERSONS WITHOUT WATER IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN SUBURBS (OFDA ASSESSMENT TEAM IS NOW WORKING ON THIS - SEPTTEL FOLLOWS).

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5. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME 16 NATIONS HAVE SENT AID TO MEXICO, IN THE FORM OF EITHER RESCUE PERSONNEL AND/OR EQUIPMENT AND PROVISIONS. AMONG THESE HAVE BEEN U.S., FRENCH, SWISS, AND BRITISH TEAMS. OTHERS HAVE INCLUDED CUBA, WHICH SENT A HEALTH MISSION WHICH ARRIVED HERE ON SEPTEMBER 22 WITH A PLANE LOAD OF SANITATION MATERIALS, MEDICINES, AND VACCINES, AND ISRAEL, WHICH ANNOUNCED THE ARRIVAL IN MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 22 OF A SPECIAL AIR FORCE PLANE WITH 35 PERSONS ABROAD. THEY ARE SPECIALISTS IN RESCUE WORK AND HAVE SPECIAL RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY.

6. REPORTS OF THE EMBASSY SURVEY TEAMS WHICH TOURED THE MOST HEAVILY DAMAGED PARTS OF THE CITY ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 22 CAME UP WITH SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS. THEY FOUND THAT THERE WERE AMPLE VOLUNTEERS  
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AT ALL SITES TO HELP WITH RESCUE EFFORTS, PROVISION OF MEALS AND CLOTHING, AND CROWD CONTROL. THERE WERE ALSO PLENTY OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN EVIDENCE. MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE ALSO OBSERVED HELPING WITH THE HEAVY DIGGING, AND PEMEX PERSONNEL WERE MUCH IN EVIDENCE, OPERATING HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDING FUEL. ALL AREAS DEMONSTRATED GREATLY REDUCED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, ALTHOUGH SOME STORES AND RESTAURANTS WERE OPEN. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN IN PART, HOWEVER, BECAUSE IT WAS SUNDAY.

7. THE EMBASSY SURVEY TEAMS FOUND MUCH BETTER CONDITIONS EXISTED ON SEPT. 22 THAN ON PREVIOUS DAYS AT THE DAMAGE SITES, BOTH WITH RESPECT TO ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT. ONE OBSERVER COMMENTED TO OUR TEAMS THAT THE SITUATION (I.E., MOVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY) BEGAN TO IMPROVE ONCE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TEAMS ARRIVED. ALL PERSONS WITH WHOM EMBASSY PERSONNEL SPOKE AT THE DAMAGE SITES WERE FRIENDLY AND INFORMATIVE, ASSY TEAMS WERE NOT DENIED ACCESS TO ANY SITES. OUR EMBASSY TEAMS RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT MOST PEOPLE AT THE SITES WERE EAGER TO HELP IN THE RELIEF AND RESCUE EFFORTS BUT SENSED THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF ADEQUATE LEADERSHIP. ONE PERSON EXPRESSED ANGER BECAUSE HE CLAIMED AMERICANS ARE NOT GETTING ANY CREDIT IN THE PRESS FOR THEIR HELP WHILE OTHER FOREIGNERS ARE. ADEQUATE SECURITY WAS OBSERVED IN ALL AREAS. THE TEAMS BELIEVE THAT LOOTING HAS BEEN KEPT LOW.

8. THE U.S. DEMOLITION TEAM, WHICH ARRIVED YESTERDAY, VISITED AND SURVEYED THREE AREAS TODAY. IT HAS FOUND THAT SOME OF THE BUILDINGS WHICH THE MEXICANS WANT DEMOLISHED CANNOT BE DEMOLISHED BY EXPLOSIVES. THE DEMOLITION TEAM IS STILL CONDUCTING ITS SURVEYS.  
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9. THE EMBASSY NOW HAS ESTABLISHED A COUNT OF SIX CONFIRMED U.S. CITIZENS DEAD (I.E., WHOSE PHYSICAL REMAINS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED), PLUS TWELVE U.S. CITIZENS PRESUMED DEAD. (DRAFTED:LAB:JGWYNN) GAVIN

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SUBJECT: SITREP 41, MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN MEXICO CITY IS BASED ON MEXICO CITY'S MAJOR 09/23 DAILIES:
2. DURING SUNDAY'S OPERATIONS, 7 MORE PERSONS WERE RESCUED ALIVE, AND 40 BODIES. THE CASUALTY TOLL VARIES, AS THE MEXICO CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT PLACES THE FIGURE AT 2,822, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT NOT OVER 5,000, AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SECRETARIAT AT AROUND 2,500. INJURED PERSONS, ACCORDING TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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AMOUNT TO 6,500. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT AN ESTIMATED 2,000 PERSONS ARE STILL TRAPPED IN COLLAPSED BUILDINGS, AND 57 DAMAGED BUILDINGS ARE STILL EXPECTED TO COLLAPSE. 28 SHELTERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND ARE PROVIDING SERVICES.

3. EXCELSIOR AND EL UNIVERSAL PUBLISH A LIST OF THE GUESTS REGISTERED IN MAJOR HOTELS AND PRESENTLY ALIVE. TOURISTS WHOSE HOTELS COLLAPSED ARE BEING RELOCATED, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL DAILY EL NACIONA

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4. MAJOR COVERAGE, BOTH BY THE PRESS AND TV/RADIO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE RESCUE AND COOPERATION ACTIVITIES BY FOREIGN AND NATIONAL VOLUNTEER TEAMS. 130,000 MEXICO CITY CITIZENS ARE DOING RESCUE AND ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEER WORK.

5. ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF ALL MEDIA IS THE ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN AIRCRAFT WITH ASSISTANCE. BETWEEN 30 AND 34 AIRCRAFT HAVE ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY, WITH A TOTAL OF 1,140 TONS OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENTS REAGAN AND DE LA MADRID, AS WELL AS MRS. REAGAN 09/23 VISIT TO MEXICO CITY, ARE PARTICULARLY STRESSED. PERUVIAN PRESIDENT ALAN GARCIA'S STOPOVER AT MEXICO CITY, WITH 6 TONS OF ASSISTANCE IN HIS AIRCRAFT, CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO'S EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND THE ARRIVAL OF A CUBAN ASSISTANCE MISSION, AS WELL AS THE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE OF THE SWISS AND FRENCH DOG TEAMS ARE ALSO NOTED. EL SOL FRONTPAGES A STORY ON THE REESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH 100 NASA SATELLITES.

6. THE HEALTH SECRETARY GUILLERMO SOBERON, AS WELL AS

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A GERMAN EXPERTS TEAM, FORESEE NO HEALTH RISKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE WATER-POWER PROBLEMS IN THE MOST AFFECTED AREAS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE SOLVED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IN THE TLATELOLCO UNIT, 76 DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS ARE STILL CONSIDERED TO BE SAFE AFTER MINOR REPAIRS.

7. MOST DAILIES REPORT THAT MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY ARRIVED AT NEW YORK FOR THE OPENING OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND WILL EXPRESS MEXICO'S APPRECIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE DURING THIS ORDEAL.

8. THE U.S., FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY ARE SUPPORTING A SPECIAL IMF LOAN TO MEXICO FOR RECONSTRUCTION WORK. GAVIN

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SUBJ: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE: WELFARE OF IVORIAN AMBASSADOR  
-----AND STAFF.

REF: STATE 291429

CONTACTED IVORIAN AMBASSADOR KACOU 9/23/85, WHO SAYS HE  
AND EMBASSY STAFF ALL OK. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF PAKISTANI EMBASSY

REF: STATE 291295

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1. ON REQUEST OF THE SECSTATE, AMEMBASSY IN MEXICO  
CONTACTED PAKISTANI EMBASSY.

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2. AMBASSADOR USMAN INFORMED US THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL  
IS FINE AS WELL AS ALL PAKISTANI CITIZENS IN MEXICO.

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3. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE EMBASSY IS HAVING SOME  
PROBLEMS WITH THE TELEPHONE LINES, BUT THAT THERE ARE  
NO SERIOUS DAMAGES TO EMBASSY'S PROPERTIES. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF INDIAN EMBASSY

REF: STATE 291295

1. AS PER SECSTATE REQUEST, AMEMBASSY, CONTACTED INDIAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO.
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2. INDIAN COUNSELOR, MADHO BHADURI, INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT EMBASSY STAFF IS FINE, AS WELL AS ALL INDIAN CITIZENS IN MEXICO.
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3. SHE ALSO SAID THAT THERE IS NO DAMAGE TO INDIAN EMBASSY'S PROPERTIES. GAVIN

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BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USEC

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TAGS: OVIP (GAVIN, JOHN A.), NATO, EEC, MX, BE  
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GAVIN VISIT TO USNATO AND USEC

REF: (A) MEX 18846 (B) MEX 19292 (C) USNATO 05265

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2. CONTINUED EARTHQUAKE RELIEF WORK REQUIRES THAT  
AMBASSADOR GAVIN REMAIN IN MEXICO. SEPTEMBER 26-27 VISIT  
THUS CANCELLED. AMBASSADOR GAVIN APPRECIATES AMBASSADORS  
ABSHIRE'S AND MIDDENDORF'S EFFORTS AND HOSPITALITY, BUT  
SENDS HIS REGRETS.

3. MEXICO WILL ADVISE IF SCHEDULE ALLOWS SUBSEQUENT  
VISIT TO BRUSSELS. INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION  
FROM MEXICO STILL IMPOSSIBLE. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: MEDSICAL SUPPLIES REQUEST FROM MOH

1. EMBASSY/AID HAS RECEIVED LISTS OF "URGENT" REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED IMMEDIATELY FOR REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES LOST.

2. LISTS FOLLOW PARAS. 5 AND 6. PLEASE ARRANGE TO TRANSLATE AND COST OUT ASAP. WE HAVE NO CAPABILITY HERE TO DO THAT. PLEASE ADVISE. WE BELIEVE THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS SUFFERED VERY REAL LOSS OF CRITICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL, INTENSIVE CARE MEDICAL AND OTHER MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AS A DIRECT RESULT UF EARTHQUAKE DESTRUCTION OF HOSPITAL CENTRO, HOSPITAL JUAREZ AND OTHER KEY MINISTRY OF HEALTH FACILITIES.

3. IN MEETINGS WITH 6 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH FROM 2-4 P.M. ON SUNDAY 22, SEPTEMBER 85, WE BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT SET-BACKS OF MEXICAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE CAPABILITY HAS OCCURRED. THE LISTS  
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HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE MEXICAN SENIOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH DIRECTORS AND SUPPOSEDLY REPRESENT VERY DIRE NEEDS OF THE MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT IN MEXICO CITY. AS SUCH, MISSION SUPPORTS IN PRINCIPLE URGENT REQUESTS FROM MINISTRY OF HEALTH, BUT HAS NO FEEL FOR DOLLAR MAGNITUDE, TIMING OF RESPONSE POSSIBLE, OR FUNDING AUTHORIZATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PROCEED IN ANALYSIS AND PROCUREMENT/TRANSPORT LOGISTICS AS YOUR RE ALLOW.

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5. URGENT MATERIAL LIST.  
MATERIAL URGENTE:

2 HOSPITALES DE CAMPANA  
35 INCUBADORAS HONEYWELL  
MODELOS Y TIPO DE ACUERDO A LA EXISTENCIA Y POSIBILIDADES  
DE SUMINISTRO  
2'000,000 JERINGA DE 2 ML CON AGUJA DE 21 X 1.5  
1'000,000 JERINGA DE 5 ML CON AGUJA DE 20 X 1.5  
20,000 KITS (ABBOT) PARA REACTIVO DE VIRUS HTLV-111 (AIDS)  
150 BOLSAS DE HULE DE 5 M3 PARA TRANSPORTE DE AGUA  
2 MODULOS DE ATENCION MEDICA DE EMERGENCIA: (CADA UNO  
INTEGRADO POR EL SIGUIENTE MATERIAL Y EQUIPO)  
10 CAMAS ELECTRICAS - HILL-ROOM MOD. 835  
10 BAUMANOMETROS  
10 ESTETOSCOPIOS  
2 MESAS OPERACIONES AMERICAN STERILIZER CO.  
2 LAMPARAS - EXAMINER 10  
10 NEGATOSCOPIOS CUADRUPLS  
100 PINZAS DE PUNTA PARA CIRUGIA -KELLY RECTAS  
100 TIJERAS DE CURACION PARA PUNTOS  
100 TIJERAS MAYO  
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10 OFTALMOSCOPIOS DE PARED - WELCH ALLYS  
10 EQUIPOS DE SUCCION - MARCA OHIO  
10 MESAS DE CURACION  
10 LAMPARAS DE PIE  
3 UNIDADES RESPIRATION UNIT / MOD. PR-2 BENNETT  
3 EMERGENCY DEFIBRILATION HEWLETT PACKARD T.A.C.K.  
2 ELECTROCARDIOGRAFOS HEWLETT PACKARD S6 78351-A  
4 APARATOS DE ANESTESIA 30-70 - MARCA OHIO  
4 PLASTER DISPENSER MARCA STRYKER  
4 CAST CUTTER - MARCA STRYKER. PLASTER BACK DUCK COLLECTOR

DONDE NO SE ESPECIFIQUE MARCA O MODELO, SUMINISTRAR DE  
ACUERDO A LA EXISTENCIA Y POSIBILIDADES.

2 MODULOS DE TERAPIA MEDICA INTENSIVA CADA UNO INTEGRADO  
POR EL SIGUIENTE EQUIPO:

10 MONITORES HEWLETT PACKARD MODELO 78342  
10 CAMAS ELECTRICAS HILL ROOM MODELO 835  
10 BAUMANOMETROS  
10 ESTETOSCOPIOS  
1 UNIDAD CENTRAL HEWLETT PACKARD 2622-A  
1 APARATO PORTATIL DE RAYOS X MARCA GENERAL ELECTRIC  
MODELO AMX 3  
1 APARATO DE RAYOS X MARCA GENERAL ELECTRIC MODELO TELEVIX  
2  
12 MODULOS DE CIRUGIA GENERAL Y DE URGENCIAS CADA UNO

INTEGRADO POR EL SIGUIENTE EQUIPO:

1 COMPUTADORA LASSER MICROSCAN 771 SERIE 0248  
1 SHARPLAN 743 DE LASSER INDUSTRIES LTD. MOD SERIE

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943 VOLTAJE 115 AMP. 12/14  
1 MANGUERA MARCA OHIO AIR MOD. D 33  
1 MANGUERA MARCA OHIO 01 MOD. D 30  
1 MANGUERA VACCUM MARCA OHIO MOD. C 32  
1 MANGUERA MARCA OHIO D 31  
1 MANGUERA NITROGEN M 965  
1 CONTROL DE INTENSIDAD VARIABLE DE LUZ AMSCO QU3-1 15  
AMP.  
1 LAMPARA PARA TECHO AMSCO - CHALLENGUE NO. 22 SIN RIEL PT  
143104-004  
1 MODULO TM ANESTHESIC/GAS MACHINE SERIE ABLL 00608.

STOCKE 236-6221-910 AIKO. OHIO MEDICAL PRODUCTS  
1 VENTILADOR ELECTRICO (205-4694-300) 12-81 OHIO 7000  
STOCKE 309-0608-800  
1 MONITOR 02 CON ALARMA. OHIO 401  
1 APARATO DE RAYOS X PORTATIL AMX-3 GENERAL ELECTRIC  
MODELO 46-194759G2 SERIE 98225WKG  
1 MONITOR PEDIATRICO CRITIKON MODELO 845-12002 SERIE  
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1 AMPLIFICADOR DE IMAGENES GENERAL ELECTRIC NO. 4928  
MODELO IS-TWO VOLTAJE 117 60-HZ  
1 POLARIX 2 GENERAL ELECTRIC SERIE 2377 VT MODELO 46-9145  
07G01  
1 PLANCHA QUIRURGICA MODELO 2080 AMSCO CATALOGO NO.  
BE56-717 SERIE 0425083010  
1 BOVIE 400/SR ELECTROFULGURADOR SYBRON/RITTER MODELO 125  
PATENTE 2827056 4024467  
1 ASPIRADOR DE AIRE MARCA OHIO MODELO NO. 225-2531-800

UNIDADES DE LABORATORIO CLINICO BASICO O DE EMERGENCIA

5 PLANTAS ELECTRICAS SELMEC SERIE NO. 473915 431  
YO127490G112 KVA 219 KILOWATTS 175 VOLTS 240/480 AMP.  
526-263 60 CICLOS  
5 PLANTAS ELECTRICAS SELMEC KVA 5WATTS 440 VOLTS  
240/480 AMP. 1322-661 60 CICLOS  
10 AUTOCLAVES, AMERICAN STERILIZER CO. MODELO  
AS01T616GE-3B, SERIE 73MX03 RANGO TEMP. 27 GRADOS C A 138  
GRADOS C  
4 DESTILADOR DE AGUA MILIPOR CORP. CATALOGO NO. ZNRC NO.  
11520, EQUIPO MINIMO  
5 ULTRACENTRIFUGA REFRIGERADA MODELO NCA BEKNAN. VELOCIDAD  
HASTA 80,000 REV. X MIN. FUERZA 602,000 G. 240 VOLTS. 60  
HZ. INCLUYENDO ROTORES.  
5 COMPARADOR DE AGUA CON ACCESORIOS, TESTER-HELLING,  
CATALOGO W-2550-1, MARCA AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC  
-CON DISCO DE COLOR DE USO GENERAL, CATALOGO 2550-10  
-CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA NITROGENO AMONIAAL, CATALOGO  
2550-11  
-CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA CLORO, CATALOGO W-2550-12  
-CON DISCO DE COLOR FLOUR, CATALOGO W-2550-13  
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-CON DISCO DE COLOR CROMO, CATALOGO W-2550-14  
-CON DISCO DE COLOR COBRE, CATALOGO W-2550-25  
-CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA NITROGENO (N), CATALOGO W-2550-16  
-CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA NITROGENO, CATALOGO W-2550-17



- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA SULFUROS, CATALOGO W-2550-18
- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA OXIGENO DISUELTO, CATALOGO W-2550-19
- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA FIERRO, CATALOGO W-2550-20
- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA PLOMO, CATALOGO W-2550-21
- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA MANGANEZO, CATALOGO W-2550-22
- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA FOSFATO (ORTHO), CATALOGO W-2550-23
- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA FOSFATO, CATALOGO W-2550-24
- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA SILICE, CATALOGO W-2550-25
- CON DISCO DE COLOR PARA SILICE, CATALOGO W-2550-26
- BULBO 110-125 VOLTIOS CATALOGO W-2550-40, MARCA AM. SCIENTIFIC
- 10 MICROSCOPIO STANDARD CARL ZEISS MODELO K17. CONTRASTE DE FASES DE LUZ TRANSMITIDA CON ENFOQUE MACRO-MICROMETRICO, DIAFRAGMA DE CAMPO. BINOCULAR. CON ACCESORIOS (OBJETIVOS, PLATINA, ETC)
- 5 ANALIZADOR DERMATOLOGICO COULTER ZP5-A
- PARAMETROS:
  - GLOBULOS ROJOS
  - GLOBULOS BLANCOS
  - HEMATOCRITO
  - HEMOGLOBINA
  - VOL. GLOBULAR MEDIO
- INCLUYE CONTADOR ZF HEMOGLOBINOMETRO
- COMPUINTEGRADA MHR DILUTOR III
- MEZCLADOR SANGUINEO 115 VOLTIOS, 60 HZ

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10 CENTRIFUGA DE MESA BERMAN MODELO TJ6, VELOCIDAD 6,000  
REV. X MIN. FUERZA HASTA 4,470G. OPERA EN 120 V. ROTER  
HORIZONTAL. MOD. TH-4  
-48 ADAPTADORES PURPURA DE 12 ML  
-48 ADAPTADORES ROJOS DE 250 ML  
10 FOTOCOLORIMETRO BAUCH'LOND SPECTRONIC 2U  
CATALOGO SARGENT WELCH 1979. S-75415-10  
5 ESPECTOFOTOMETRO UV VISIBLE, COOLEMAN MOD. 111 O MAS  
RECIENTE. NO. 248-609  
10 ESTUFA DE CULTIVO DE CONEXION MECANICA MARCA DHELCO,  
MODELO 6N, CATALOGO CURTIN 244-400  
5 BANO SEROLOGICO DE TEMPERATURA CONSTANTE, TEMPERATURA  
MAXIMA 73 GRADOS C, MOD. PRECISION 183, CATALOGO 15-474-25  
5 BANO MARIA, MODELO 188 TELCO CON DOBLE CAMARA  
5 SISTEMA AUTOMATICA TRACE/III MGA BECKMAN ESPECTOFOTOMETRO  
ROLLOS DE PAPEL IMPRESORA  
5 APARATO CONGELADOR REVCO VERTICAL ULT-1175B CON 5  
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COMPARTIMENTOS, MARCA SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS  
5 FLAMOMETRO PARA SODIO Y POTASIO, NO IMPORTA MARCA O  
MODELO  
5 APARATO DE TINCION AUTOMATICO NEWHISTONATIZ PARA  
HEMATOXILINA Y EOSINA. CATALOGO FISHER-SCIENTIFIC  
5 TISSUE-TEK II AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC EBA  
5 BALANZA ANALITICA METTLER 0.01 MGS. DE PRECISION,  
CATALOGO FISHER MOD. H-54  
5 BALANZA GRANATORIA TIPO HARVARD 2 PLATILLOS, MARCA OHAUS  
5 MARCO DE PESAS METRICAS D-LATON DE 1 GR. A 1,000 GR.  
5 EQUIPO DE EPIFLUORESCENCIA CARL-6, MOD. IBFL CON  
ACCESORIOS  
5 LECTOR DEEMATOCRITO, CON LECTOR DE LECTURA  
DIRECTA DE PORCIENTO DE CELULAS ROJAS, CAT. CURTIN 648-561  
5 CENTRIFUGA DE MICROHEMATOCRITO DE ALTA VELOCIDAD,  
CATALOGO 048-397  
5 CENTRIFUGA SERO-FUGE II, CATALOGO CURTIN 253-609 CON  
CABEZAL DE CENTRIFUGA DE 12 PIEZAS, CATALOGO CURTIN 253-617  
5 MEDIDOR DE PROTEINAS EN SUERO, CATALOGO NO. 3-5991  
20 PARRILLAS ELECTRICAS TIPO 1900, UNA PLACA DE ALUMINIO  
MARCA THERMOLINE  
5 POTENCIOMETRO BECKMAN MODELO 4,500 DE LECTURA DIGITAL  
CON JUEGO DE ELECTRODOS COMBINADOS  
5 FIBROMETRO DE HEMOCHRON PARA MEDIR TIEMPO DE COAGULACION  
EN SANGRE INCLUYENDO PAQUETE DE 100 TUBOS DE ENSAYO.

MARCA HEMOCHRON, MODELO 400  
5 HORNO ESTERILIZADOR MARCA VECO, MODELO HE-2

SISTEMAS DE COMUNICACION:

30 UNIDADES DE 10 EMISORES-RECEPTORES INALAMBRICOS CON  
UNIDAD CENTRAL PARA ALCANCE DE ALREDEDOR DE 10 KILOMETROS  
30 UNIDADES DE 3 EMISORES-RECEPTORES INALAMBRICOS CON  
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UNIDAD CENTRAL PARA ALCANCE DE 30 KILOMETROS  
5 UNIDADES DE 30 EMISORES ALAMBRICOS CON UNIDAD CENTRAL

6. MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.  
RECURSOS MATERIALES.

TALLER ELECTROMECHANICO.

MOBILIARIO:

1 ANAQUEL METALICO DE 40 X 240M  
3 BANCOS DE TRABAJO C/CUBIERTA DE FORMAICA 1.40 X 2.00 M  
3 BANCOS ALTOS GIRATORIOS  
2 GABINETE METALICO CON PUERTAS

EQUIPO:

2 OSCILOSCOPIO DE DOBLE RAYO CON PANTALLA DE PERSISTENCIA  
5 MULTIMETRO DIGITAL 3.5 DIGITOS  
1 GENERADOR DE FUNCIONES DE ONDAS SINUSOIDALES,  
CUADRANGULARES Y DE DIENTES DE SIERRA  
1 PUENTE DE IMPEDANCIA  
1 MEDIDOR DE TRANSISTORES  
1 EQUIPO PARA ELABORACION DE TABLILLAS DE CIRCUITOS  
IMPRESOS  
5 FUENTE DE PODER DE CD Y AC REGULABLE

HERRAMIENTAS:

2 TORNILLO DE BANCO  
2 JUEGO DE LLAVES ESPANOLAS DE 1/4 A 1/2  
3 JUEGO DE DESARMADORES DELGADOS DE 2 A 6 PULGADAS

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3 JUEGO DE DESARMADORES GRUESOS DE 2 A 6 PULGADAS  
3 JUEGO DE LLAVES ESTRIAS DE 1/4 A 1/2  
5 JUEGOS DE LLAVES ALLEN DE 1/32 A 3/8  
3 PINZAS DE CHOFER  
3 PINZA DE ELECTRICISTA  
5 PINZAS DE CORTE  
5 PINZAS DE PUNTA  
3 PERICO DE 6 PULGADAS  
1 TALADRO DE MANO PARA BROCAS DE 1/4  
1 MARTILLO DE UNA  
3 LIMA FINA DE 4 PULGADAS  
3 PRENSA DE PRESION  
1 ELEXOMETRO DE 3 METROS  
5 BROCHA DE 2 PULGADAS  
2 CAUTIN  
5 MULTIMETRO ELECTRICO PARA C.A. Y C.D.  
5 CAUTIN DE ESTACION 60 W.  
3 TORNO MECANICO PARALELO DE 1.50M DE BANCADA Y 12" DE  
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VOLTEO, MOD. 520A  
2 TALADRO DE COLUMNA CON BROQUERO PARA 1/2" MOD. CMB 13  
1 BANCO DE ESMERIL CON PIEDRA DE AFILAR, MOD. 715A  
1 FRESADORA DE BANCO CON ADITAMENTO DE PLATO DIVISOR PARA  
ENGRANE, MOD. FU1 Y DU115  
3 EQUIPO DE SOLDADURA AUTOGENA CON MANOMETRO, MANERAL,  
BOQUILLAS Y MANGUERAS, MOD. VIKING SMITH  
3 TORNILLO DE BANCO, MOD TW4

1 DOBLADORA DE TUBOS Y PERFILES MOD. HOSSFELD NO. 2 CON 77  
PZS  
1 TROQUELADORA MOD. PLP - PB-12  
3 PUNZONADORA MOD. WHITHEY 20  
1 COMPRESORA 1/2 HP  
1 SIERRA CIRCULAR MOD. SCB BUTRON  
1 SIERRA CINTA, MOD. SC-16 BUTRON  
1 CEPILLO DE BANCO, MOD. C14E  
1 CORTADORA DE INGLETES, MOD. 60MB  
1 CIZALLA, MOD CONMEX 15  
1 NIBLEADORA, MOD JUNIOR  
1 INYECTORA DE PLASTICOS

MATERIAL DE CONSUMO:

CABLE DE COBRE AISLADODE AISLAR  
COMPONENTES ELECTRONICOS  
SOLDADURA DE ESTANO  
ESTOPA  
PASTA PARA SOLDAR  
CABLES DE DIFERENTES NUMEROS Y COLORES  
CABLES PLANOS DE DIFERENTES NUMEROS

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TALLER ELECTRICO.

MOBILIARIO:

3 ANAQUEL METALICO DE 40 X 240M  
8 BANCOS DE TRABAJO CUBIERTA DE MADERA TRATADA  
5 GABINETE METALICO CON PUERTAS

MAQUINARIA:

1 EQUIPO DE VACIO  
1 TALADRO DE COLUMNA CON BROQUERO DE 3/8  
1 BANCO ESMERIL CON PIEDRA DE AFILAR  
2 TORNILLOS DE BANCO  
1 EQUIPO DE SOLDADURA ELECTRICA  
1 EQUIPO DE SOLDADURA MECANICA  
HERRAMIENTAS:

3 JUEGO DE LLAVES ESPANOLAS DE 1/4 A 1/2 PULGADAS  
5 JUEGO DE DESARMADORES DELGADOS DE 2 A 6 PULGADAS  
5 JUEGO DE DESARMADORES GRUESOS DE 2 A 8 PULGADAS  
5 JUEGO DE LLAVES DE ESTRIAS DE 1/4 A 1/2 PULGADAS  
5 JUEGO DE BROCAS DE ACERO RAPIDO DE 1/16 A 1/2  
5 JUEGO DE LLAVES ALLEN DE 1/32 A 3/8  
5 PINZAS DE CHOFER  
5 PINZAS DE ELECTRICISTA

5 PINZA DE CORTE  
5 PERICO DE 8 PULGADAS  
5 PINZA DE PUNTA  
2 TALADRO DE MANO PARA BROCAS DE 1/4

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TAGS: AEMR, MX, AMGT, ABLD  
SUBJECT: MEDICAL SUPPLIES REQUEST FROM MOH

1 MARTILLO DE UNA  
3 LIMA FINA DE 6 PULGADAS  
5 PRENSA DE PRESION  
2 FLEXOMETRO DE 2 METROS  
2 ARCO CON SEGUETA  
5 BROCHA DE 2 PULGADAS  
1 CAUTIN ELECTRICO DE 1000W  
3 CAUTIN DE PISTOLA DE 500W  
5 MULTIMETRO ELECTRICO PARA C.A. Y C.D.

MATERIAL DE CONSUMO:

CABLE DE COBRE AISLADO  
ALAMBRE DE MAGNETO  
PAPEL PESCADO

CINTA DE AISLAR  
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GASOLINA  
ALCOHOL  
THINER  
LIJA DE AGUA  
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GRASA INDUSTRIAL  
ACEITE S.A. E. 30  
SOLDADURA DE ESTANO  
TORNILLERA

RECURSOS MATERIALES.

TALLER DE CARPINTERIA:

1 PULIDORA  
1 SIERRA CINTA  
1 SIERRA CIRCULAR  
1 CEPILLO  
1 JUEGO DE PUNZONES  
1 JUEGO DE SACABOCADOS  
1 JUEGO DE GURBIA  
1 JUEGO DE FORMONES  
1 BERBQUI  
1 GARLOPA  
1 JUEGO DE DESARMADORES  
1 MARTILLO DE BOLA  
1 MARTILLO DE UNA  
1 ESCUADRA  
1 FLEXOMETRO  
1 JUEGO DE PRENSAS  
1 TORNILLO DE BANCO  
1 JUEGO DE LIMAS  
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1 TALADRO  
1 JUEGO DE BROCAS  
1 PINZAS  
1 MARTILLO DE HULE  
1 NIVEL  
1 REGLA METALICA  
1 CALADORA  
1 TORNO PARA MADERA

RECURSOS MATERIALES.

TALLER DE OPTICA:

1 MESA ANTIVIBRATORIA  
1 MESA DE CONCRETO PARA BALANZAS  
1 COLIMADOR DE MICROSCOPIOS  
1 TORNO  
1 TALADRO-FRESA  
1 TORNILLO DE BANCO  
5 DE PUNTA  
5 PINZAS DE CORTE  
5 JUEGOS DE LLAVES ESPANOLAS MM Y ESTANDAR  
5 JUEGOS DE DESARMADORES DE RELOJERO  
5 JUEGOS DE DESARMADORES PLANOS Y DE CRUZ  
1 BALANZA DIGITAL  
1 MARCO DE PESAS  
2 CAUTINES DE ESTACION DE 60 WATTS

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TALLER DE VIDRIO:

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2 HORNOS  
2 JUEGOS DE HERRAMIENTA PARA TRABAJAR VIDRIO  
3 BANCOS DE TRABAJO DE 2M X 1.4M

UNIDAD MOVIL PARA MANTENIMIENTO:

LLAVES DE PRESION 5" Y 10" MARCA LEON WEILL  
PINZAS DE PUNTA MARCA LEON WEILL  
PINZAS DE CORTE MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGO DE NUTRILIZADORES  
EXTRACTO DE BALEROS (2), MARCA LEON WEILL  
MARCO DE PIEZAS  
CONVERTIDOR AC/DC  
GAVETAS PARA COMPONENTES C/20 CAJONES  
ANAQUEL PARA EQUIPO C/PTAS DE 3 ENTREPANOS  
SISTEMA DE AIRE ACONDICIONADO  
ESTABILIZADOR DE VOLTAJE DE 2 KVA  
MESA DE TARJA Y BOMBA DE AGUA DE PEDAL .60 X .65 CM  
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REFACCIONES PARA LA UNIDAD MOVIL.

REFACCIONES:

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CIRCUITOS INTEGRADOS  
CAPACITORES  
RESISTENCIAS  
INTERRUPTORES  
TIRISTORES  
RECTIFICADORES  
REGULADORES  
MANUALES

MATERIAL Y EQUIPO NECESARIO PARA LA UNIDAD MOVIL.

INSTRUMENTOS:

OSCILOSCOPIO PORTATIL MARCA LEADER  
GENERADOR DE FUNCIONES MARCA WAVETEK  
MULTIMETRO DIGITAL MARKE FLUKE  
MULTIMETRO ANALOGICO MARCA TRIPLETT  
TERMOMETRO DIGITAL  
MEDIDOR DE R.P.M.  
FUENTE DE PODER 15V-10A MARCA SUSTRON DONER  
FUENTE DE PODER TRIPLE 30V-SA MARCA SUSTRON DONER  
CALIBRADOR ECG MARCA CEDAT  
CALIBRADOR DE PH MARCA CEDAT  
TALADRO MARCA BLACK & DECKER  
ESMERIL PORTATIL MARCA BLACK & DECKER

JUEGO DE BROCAS MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGO DE DADOS MARCA LEON WEILL  
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JUEGO DE MACHUELOS MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGO DE DESARMADORES CRUZ MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGO DE DESARMADORES PLANOS MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGOS DE MATRACA CON DADOS EST. MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGOS DE DADOS MILIMETRICOS MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGOS DE LLAVES ALLEN ESTAND. MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGOS DE LLAVES ALLEN MILEM MARCA LEON WEILL  
JUEGOS DE LLAVES ESPANOLAS MARCA LEON WEILL  
AMPERIMETRO DE GANCHO MARCA TRIPLETT  
MEDIDOR DE ARMADURA MARCA GRAWLER  
PROBADOR DE VALVULAS MARCA PHILIPS  
MEGOhMETRO MARCA TRIPLETT  
PUNTA DE ALTO VOLTAJE MARCA R.C.A.  
MEDIDOR DE TRANSISTORES MARCA LEADER  
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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: SENV, MX

SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE DATA

REF: GOLDEN 5757

1. UNAM PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DATA.

2. UNAM INFORMS HAVING RECORDED EIGHT MORE AFTERSHOCKS IN  
PERIOD SEPT 22 NOON TO SEPT 23 NOON LOCAL TIME.

MAGNITUDE OF THESE AFTERSHOCKS VARIED FROM 3.5 TO 4.5 ON  
THE RICHTER SCALE. (SSOTO) GAVIN

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP; SITREP NO. 3,  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 1800 EDT SEPTEMBER 22, 1985

1. AS OF 1800 EDT SEPTEMBER 22 MEXICO WAS CONTINUING TO  
FOCUS ITS ATTENTIONS ON RESCUE OF PEOPLE TRAPPED IN  
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FALLEN BUILDINGS, CARING FOR THE INJURED AND DISPLACED,  
AND BURYING OR CREMATION OF THE DEAD.

2. THE FIRST LADY WILL DEPART FOR MEXICO TOMORROW  
MORNING, ACCOMPANIED BY AID DIRECTOR MCPHERSON, ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY OF STATE ABRAMS AND OTHERS. MRS. REAGAN WILL  
CONVEY TO THE MEXICANS THE SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY THAT  
ALL AMERICANS FEEL FOR MEXICO AT THIS TIME, WILL VIEW  
EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AND RELIEF EFFORTS, AND WILL PRESENT TO  
THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT A ONE MILLION DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION  
FOR DISASTER RELIEF ON BEHALF OF THE US GOVERNMENT. MRS.  
REAGAN WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATE AFTERNOON  
AND REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE SITUATION AND ON  
EMERGENCY RELIEF NEEDS.

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3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH EMBASSY MEXICO ARE SPOTTY, THOUGH

A DEPENDABLE, HIGH-SPEED CONNECTION WAS TO HAVE BEEN IN PLACE BY THIS WRITING, WHICH WOULD PERMIT A GREATLY INCREASED VOLUME OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON. THIS AFTERNOON A COURIER ARRIVED FROM MEXICO CITY CARRYING A BATCH OF BACKLOGGED TELEGRAMS, INCLUDING LISTS OF 3,000 NEW NAMES OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE CHECKED IN WITH THE EMBASSY TO SAY THEY ARE OK. THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS HAS SET UP A SPECIAL OFFICE TO ADVISE NEXT OF KIN.

4. THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE CONTINUES TO COORDINATE AN INCREASING VOLUME OF AID TO MEXICO. OFFICIAL USG ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME IS TO ASSIST SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS. MANY OTHER COUNTRIES ARE PROVIDING VARIOUS FORMS OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO.

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5. CALLERS CONTINUE TO DELUGE THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING INFORMATION ON FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN MEXICO. THE CONFIRMED AMERICAN DEATH TOLL REMAINS AT FOUR.

6. CONGRESSMAN DE LA GARZA PLANS TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY TOMORROW, AND WHILE THERE WILL MEET WITH GOM ABOUT MEXICO'S EARTHQUAKE RELIEF NEEDS.

7. DO NOT RELEASE INFO ON ONE MILLION DOLLAR USG DONATION MENTIONED PARA. 2 UNTIL OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

8. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. WHITEHEAD

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TAGS: CASC, SOCI, EAD, AMGT, MX

SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP: SITREP NO. 8  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 1700 EDT SEPTEMBER 21, 1985

1. PRESIDENT REAGAN IN HIS NOON RADIO BROADCAST  
EXPRESSED HIS DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE MEXICAN PEOPLE  
FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE. HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS SENDING  
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MRS. REAGAN TO MEXICO MONDAY TO DEMONSTRATE OUR  
SOLIDARITY WITH MEXICO AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. MR.  
ABRAMS WILL ACCOMPANY HER.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO HAS ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL  
RECONSTRUCTION FUND TO RECEIVE DONATIONS, DOMESTIC AND  
INTERNATIONAL. SEVERAL DAMAGED BUILDINGS MAY STILL  
COLLAPSE IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS. CITIZENS HAVE BEEN  
ADVISED TO STAY AT HOME AND AVOID VISITING DAMAGED AREAS.

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3. SOME PARTS OF MEXICO CITY HAVE WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS. HEALTH AUTHORITIES RECOMMEND THAT WATER BE

BOILED. THE SUBWAY SYSTEM AND NSPORTATION ARE REPORTEDLY RUNNING ALTHOUGH MANY STREETS AREBLOCKED BY DEBRIS AND THE POLICE HAVE CORDONED OFF DANGEROUS AREAS. LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE IS FUNCTIONING, BUT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IS OUT.

4. ALL COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS ARE FUNCTIONING, BUT INFORMATION REGARDING HIGHWAYS AND RAILROADS IS INCOMPLETE. MOST ROADS THROUGHOUT AFFECTED STATES OF MEXICO, GUERRERO, COLIMA, MEXICO, OAXACA AND JALISCO ARE OPEN, ALTHOUGH MANY WERE DAMAGED. THE ROAD FROM GUADALAJARA TO CIUDAD GUZMAN IS IMPASSABLE AND ROADS OUT OF ZIHUATANEJO ARE IN DUBIOUS CONDITION. PORTS IN LAZARO CARDENAS AND ZIHUATANEJO WERE HARD HIT.

5. MR. ABRAMS AND MR. MCPHERSON BRIEFED THE PRESS ON THE SITUATION IN MEXICO CITY. MR. ABRAMS REPORTED THAT THE SECOND QUAKE HAD COMPLICATED THE SITUATION. HE DISCOURAGED US CITIZENS INTERESTED IN CONTACTING FRIENDS AND FAMILY OR IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FROM TRAVELING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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MEXICO CITY WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITHTHE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

6. MR. MCPHERSON SAID THAT THE US HAS RESPONDED TO ALL REQUESTS FROM THE GOM FOR ASSISTANCE. EQUIPMENT IS BEING PROVIDED TO AID IN MOVING RUBBLE AWAY FROM TRAPPED AND INJURED PERSONS. A DEMOLITION TEAM ACCOMPANIED BY DOGS TRAINED TO FIND PEOPLE WHO ARE BURIED IS CURRENTLY ON ITS WAY TO MEXICO CITY. HE ENCOURAGED THOSE INTERESTED IN MAKING DONATIONS TO HELP VICTIMS OF THE QUAKE TO CONTRIBUTE CASH, RATHER THAN GOODS, TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE RED CROSS.

7. THE WORKING GROUP CONTINUES TO BE DELUGED WITH THOUSANDS OF CALLS FROM THOSE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS IN MEXICO. NEW TELEPHONE LINES AND PERSONNEL TO STAFF THEM HAVE BEEN ADDED TO FIELD THESE CALLS. THE US EMBASSY IS CHECKING HOSPITALS, HOTELS, ETC., IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE US CITIZENS AND HAS SURVEYED THE SITUATION IN OUTLYING CITIES FROM HELICOPTERS. THE WORKING GROUP IS RELAYING INFORMATION TO AND FAMILY MEMBERS FROM SOME 2,000 AMERICANS WHO HAVE CONTACTED THE EMBASSY.

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